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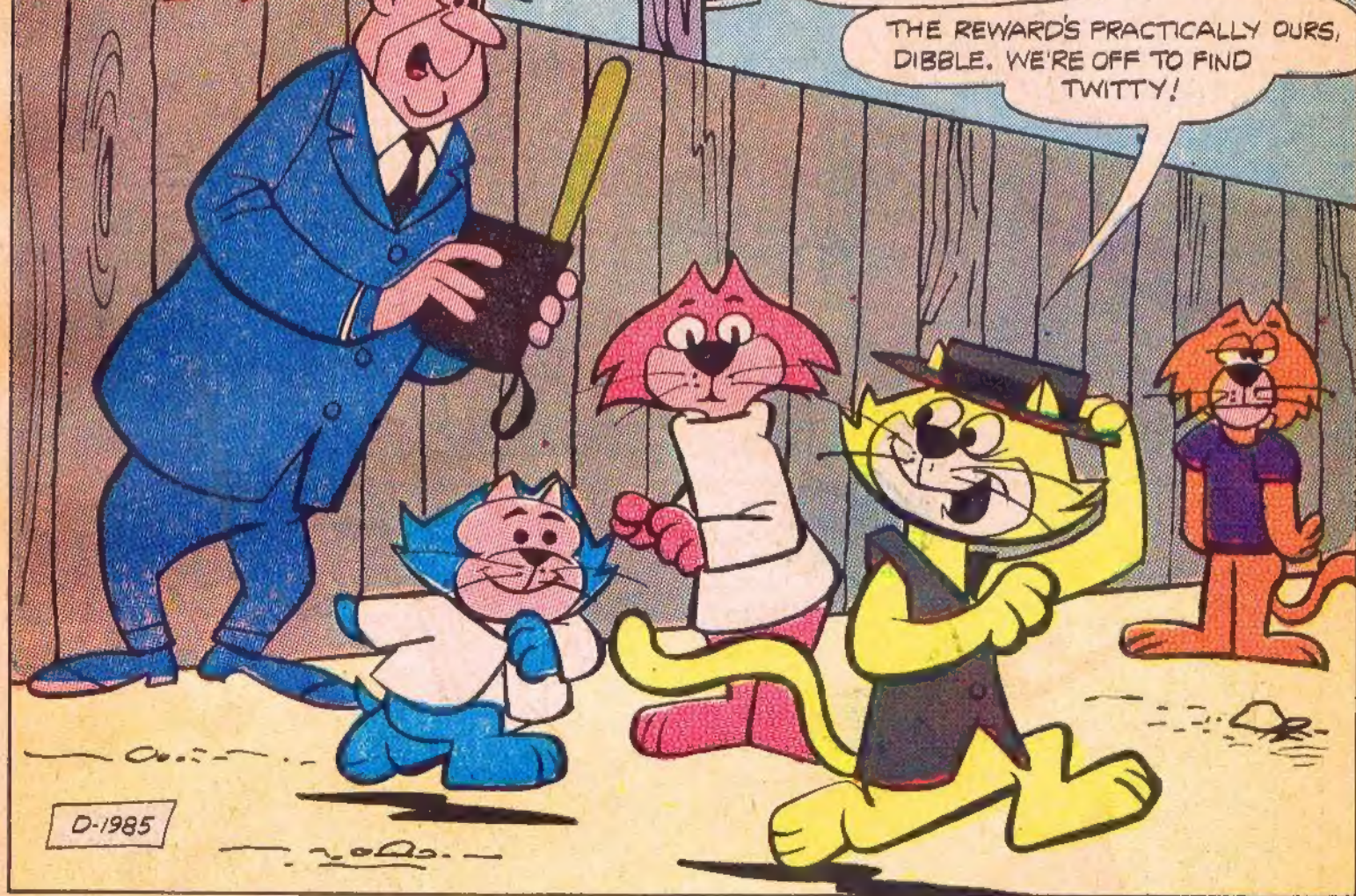
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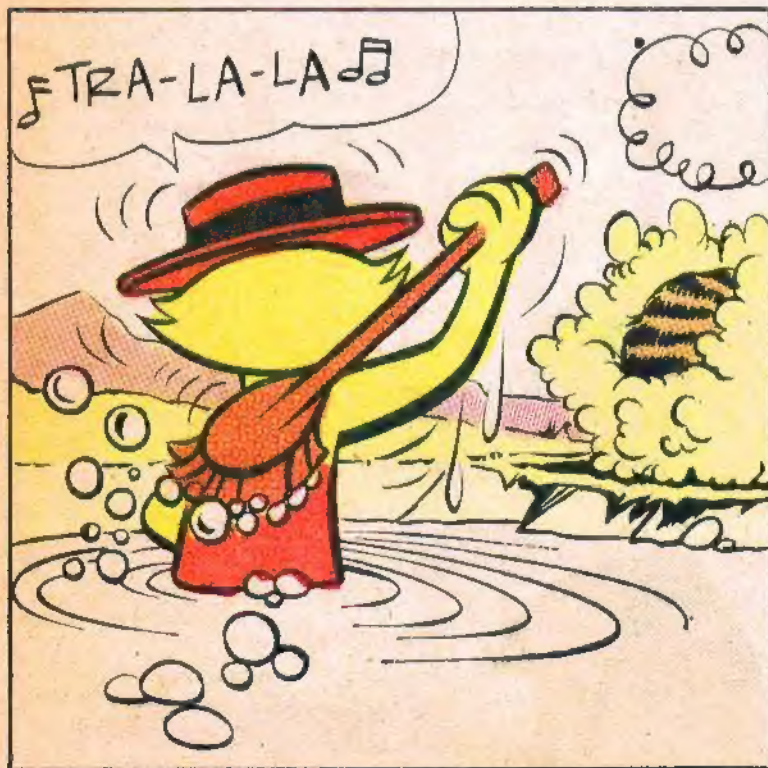
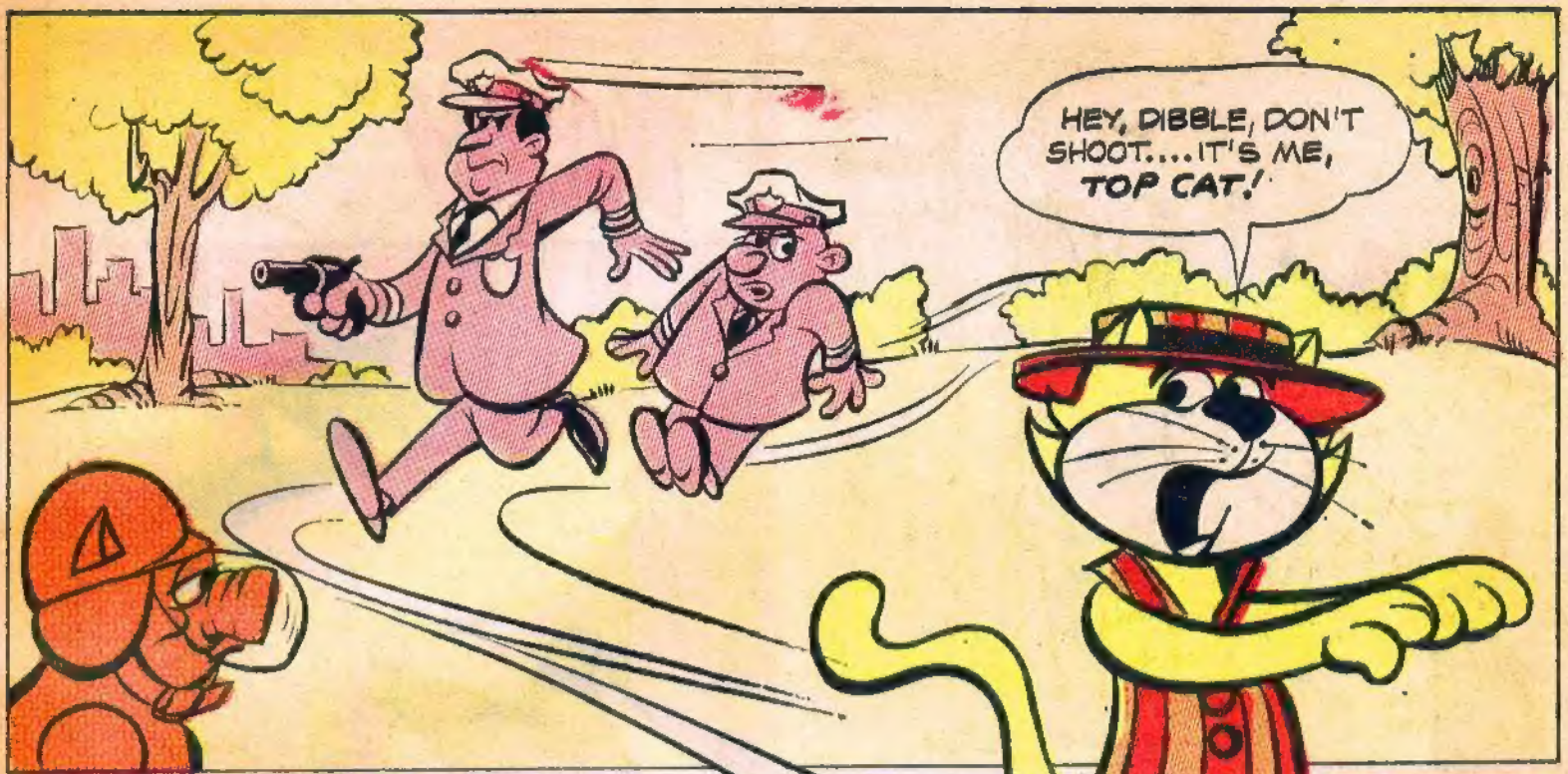
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AAAAH! THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE A GOOD HOT
BATH TO MAKE YOU
FEEL REFRESHED!
RIGHT, BENNY?

RIGHT!

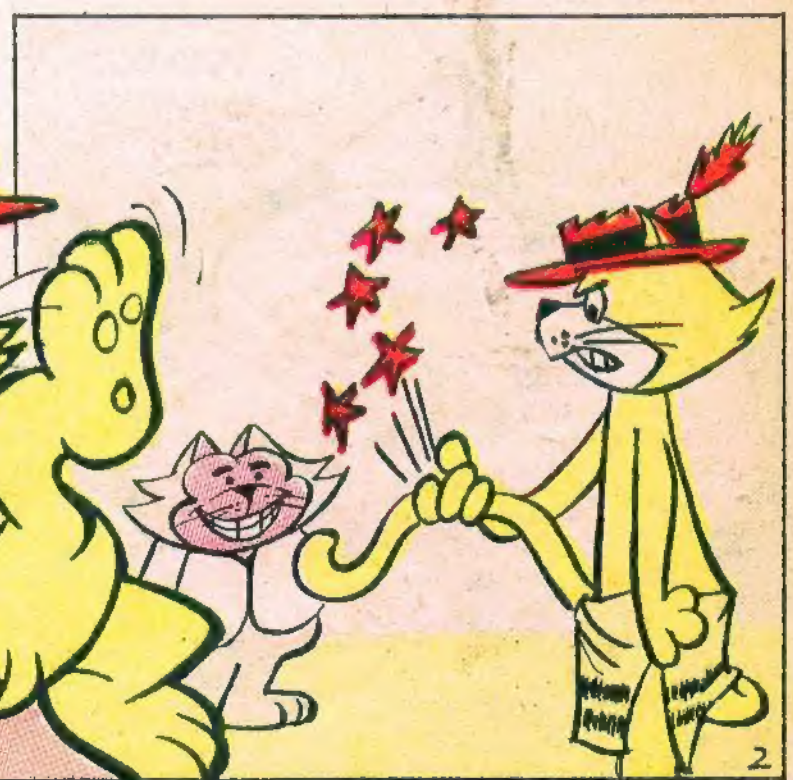
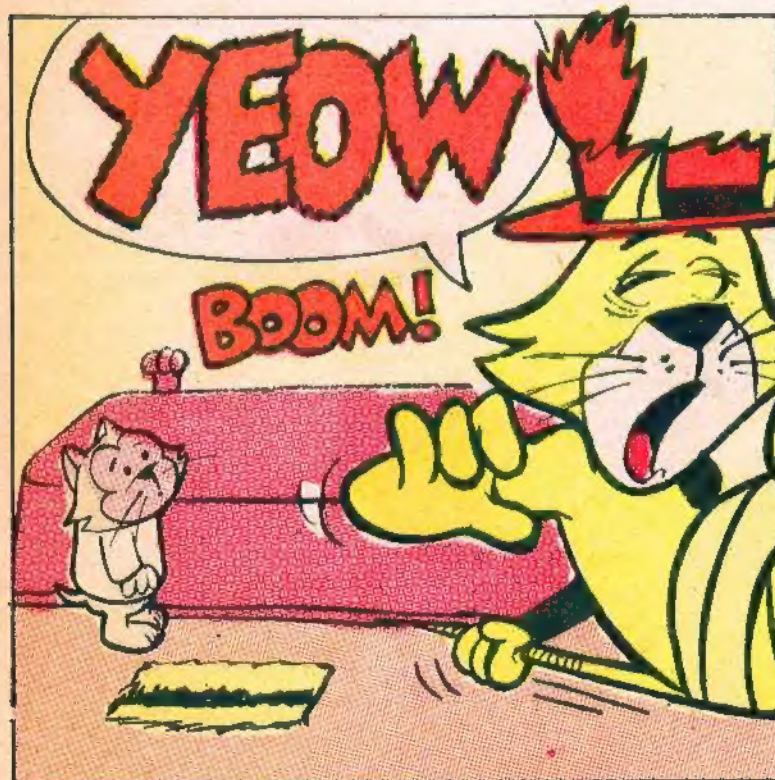
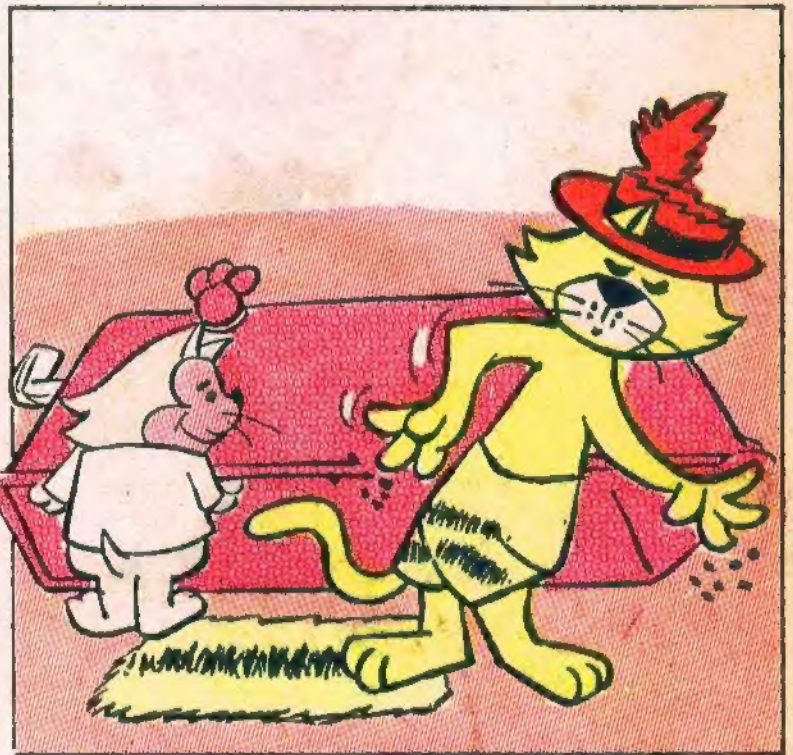
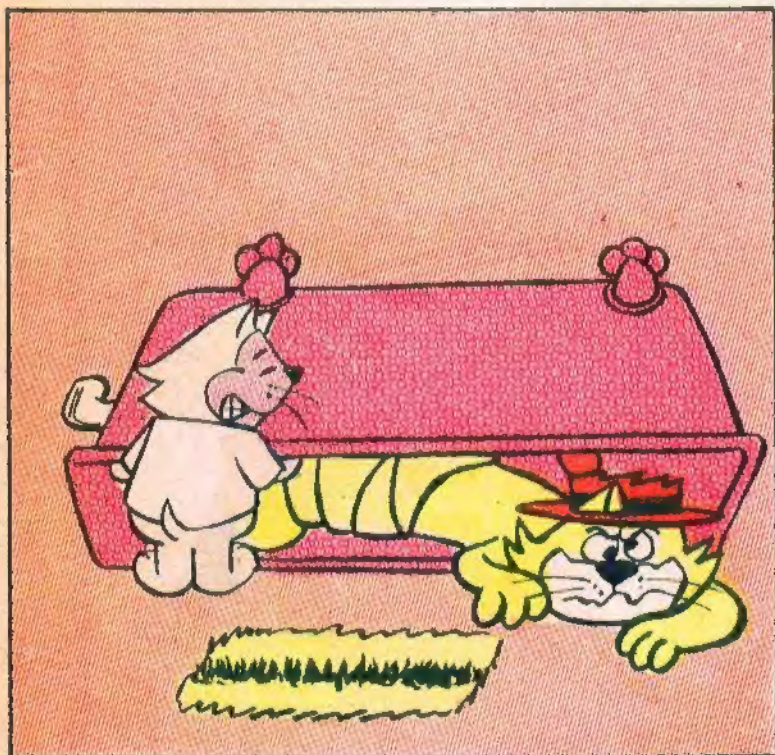
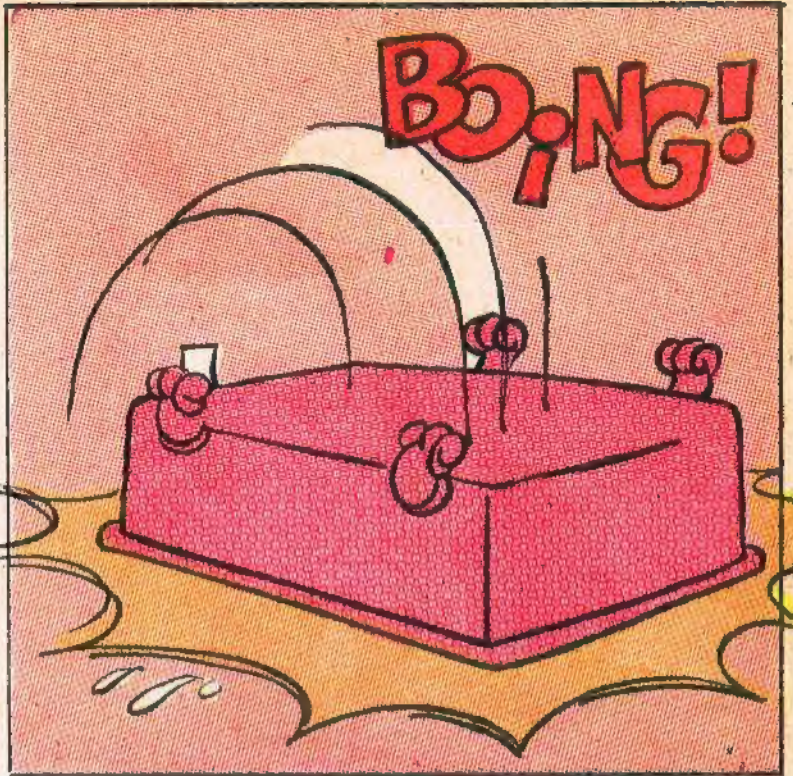
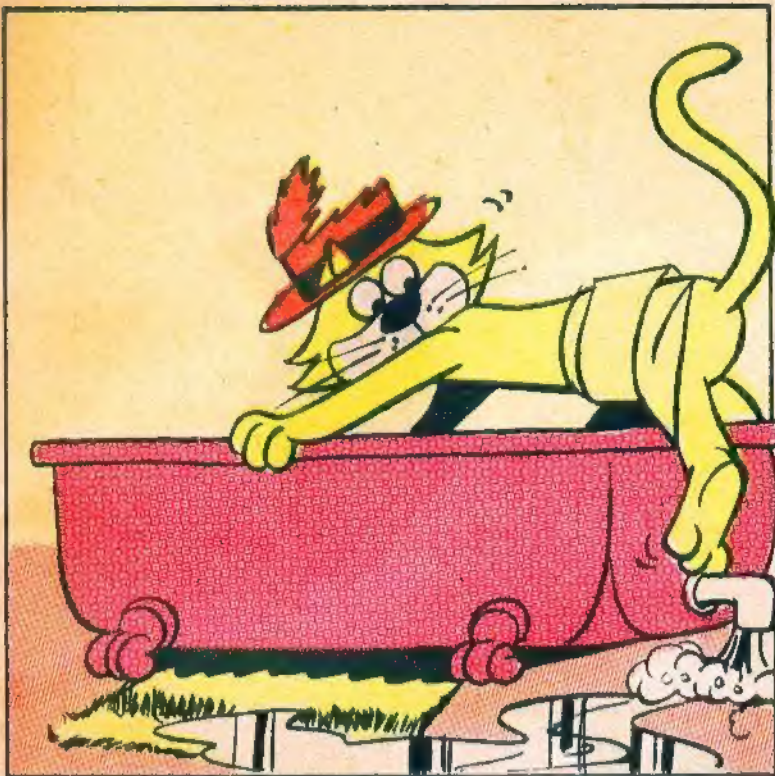


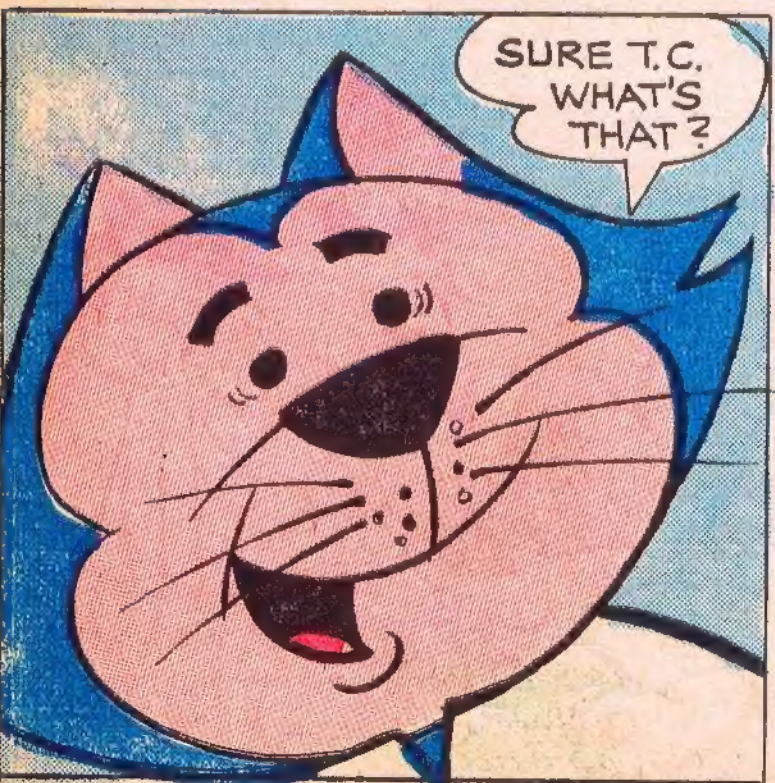
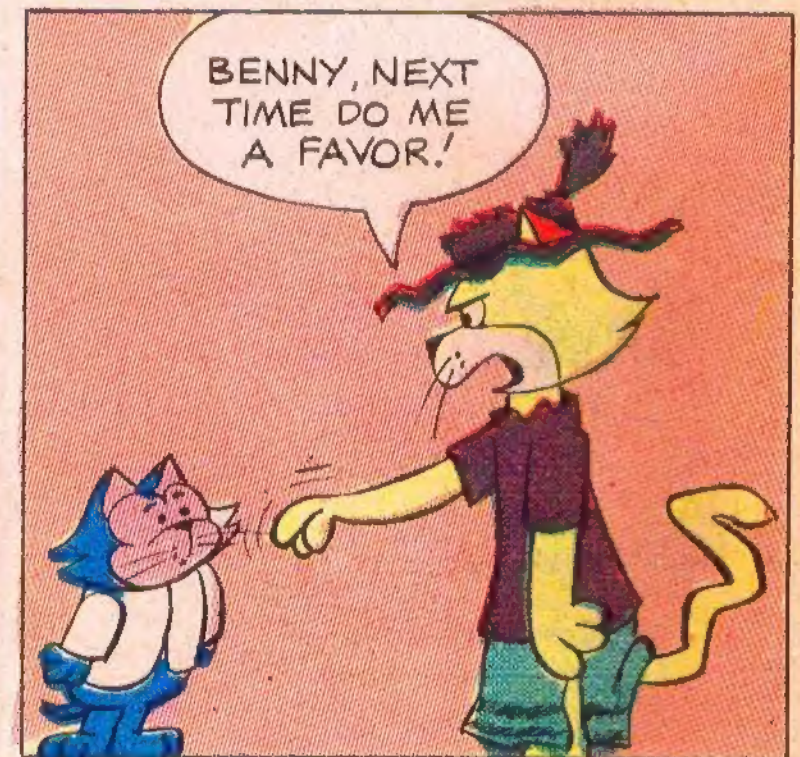
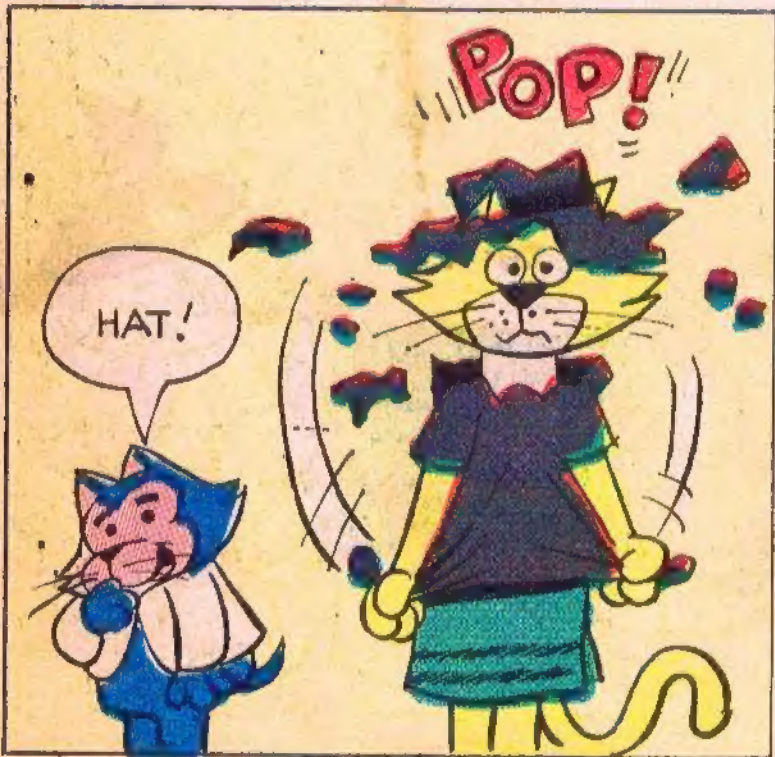
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TOP CAT IN DRESSING UP!

STORY & ART
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PHIL MENDEL



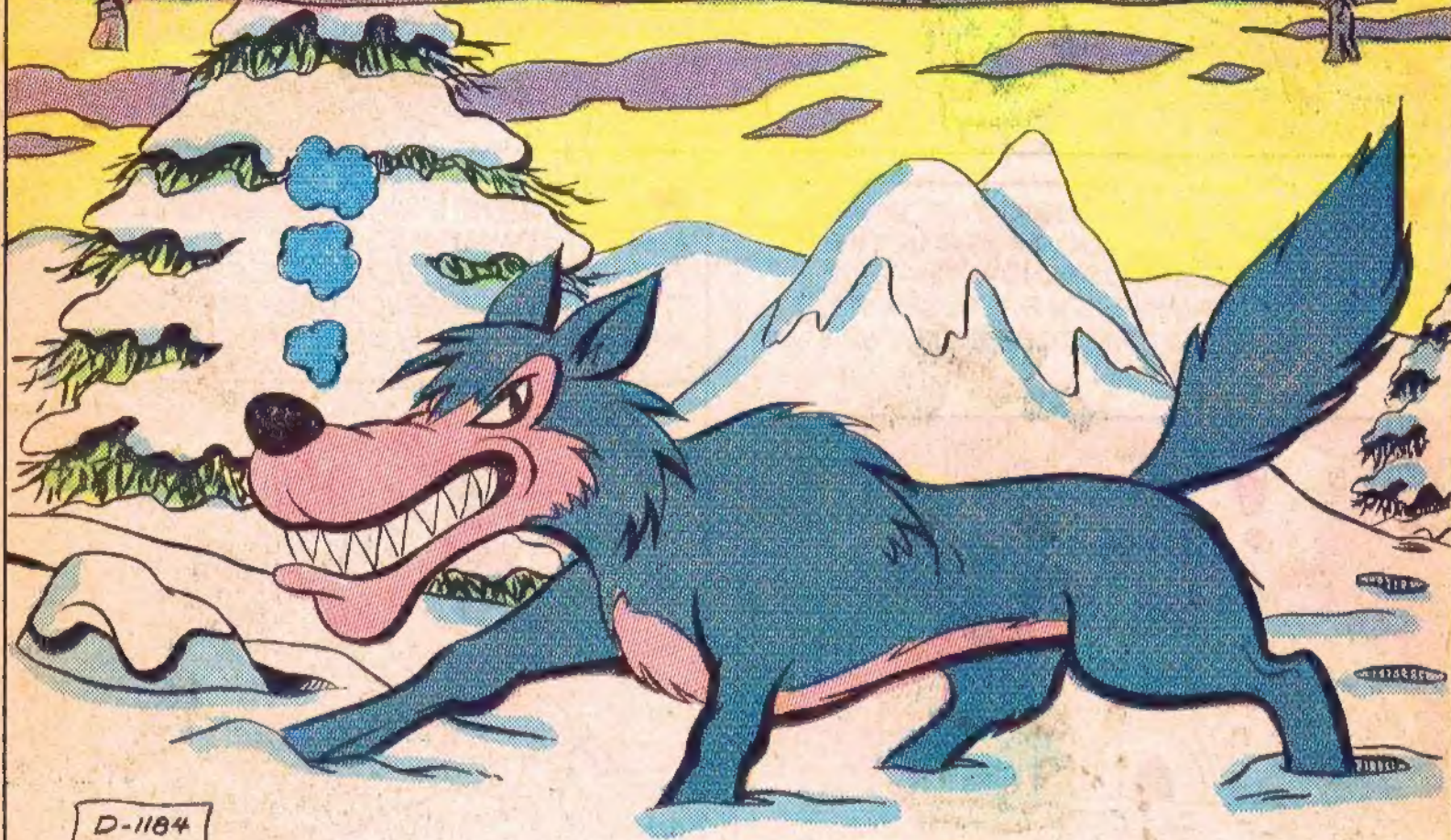




THE WOLF

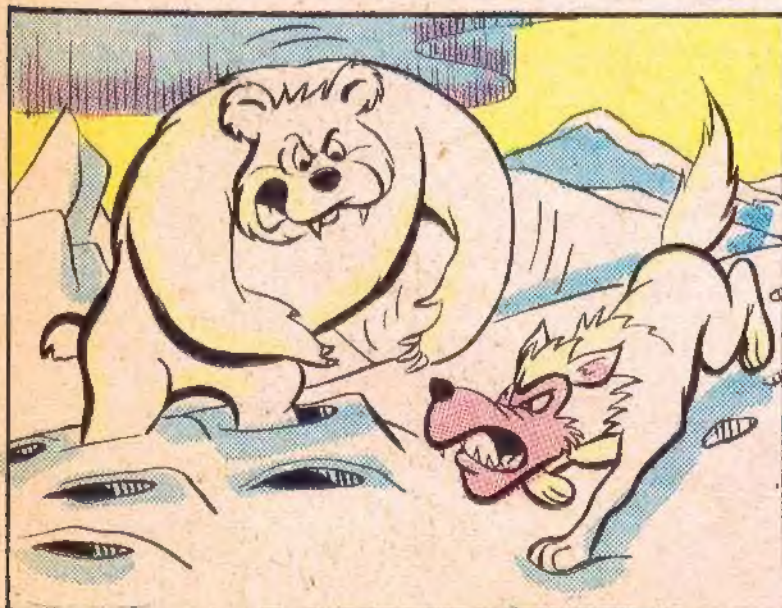
master hunter

CANIS LUPUS, FANCY NAME FOR THE WOLF, IS A BIG, FAST, SAVAGE COUSIN OF THE DOG....A BIG MALE MAY WEIGH 150 POUNDS OR MORE AND POUND FOR POUND IT'S THE TOUGHEST MEAT IN THE WORLD!

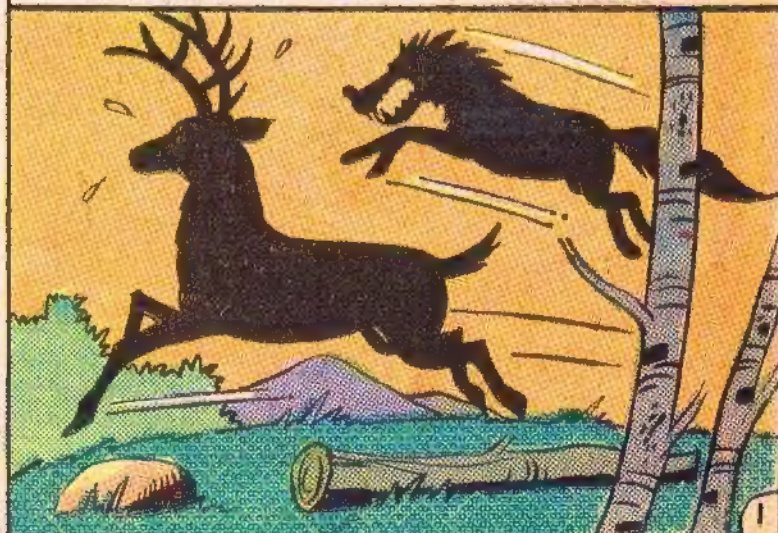


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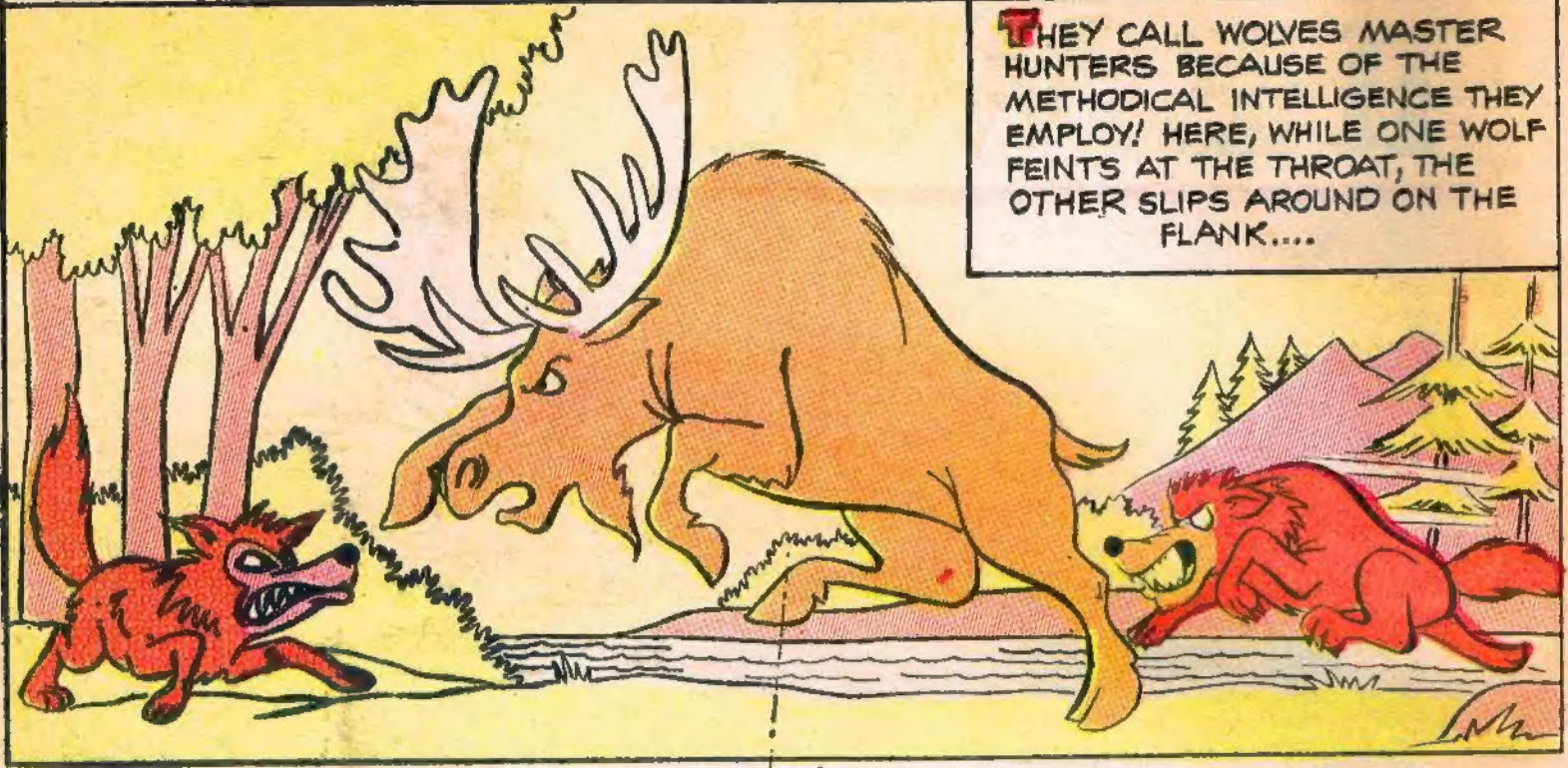
THE WOLF RANGES FROM THE FORESTS OF THE NORTHERN UNITED STATES NORTH TO THE PERMANENT ICE OF THE ARCTIC! THE ARCTIC WOLF IS WHITE....



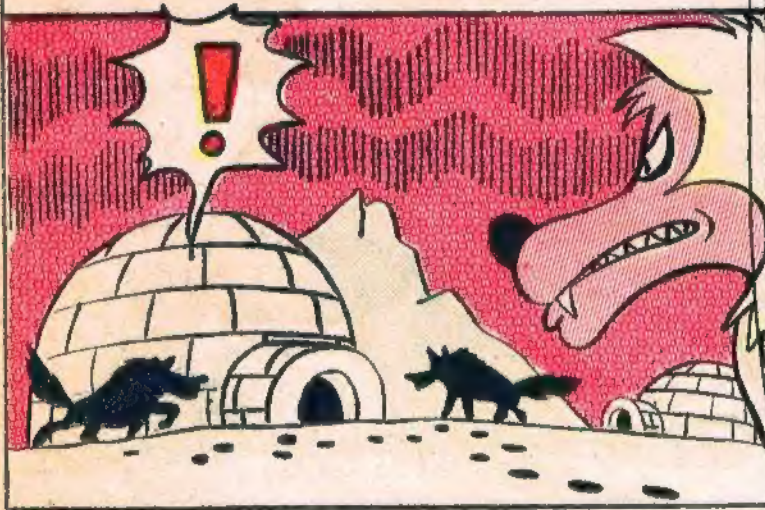
ONE OF THE REASONS THE WOLF USUALLY GETS THE MEAL HE'S AFTER IS HE CAN RUN FOR HOURS AT A SPEED OF 20 MILES PER HOUR, WEARING DOWN HIS PREY UNTIL THE POOR VICTIM IS BROUGHT TO BAY!



THEY CALL WOLVES MASTER HUNTERS BECAUSE OF THE METHODICAL INTELLIGENCE THEY EMPLOY! HERE, WHILE ONE WOLF FEINTS AT THE THROAT, THE OTHER SLIPS AROUND ON THE FLANK....



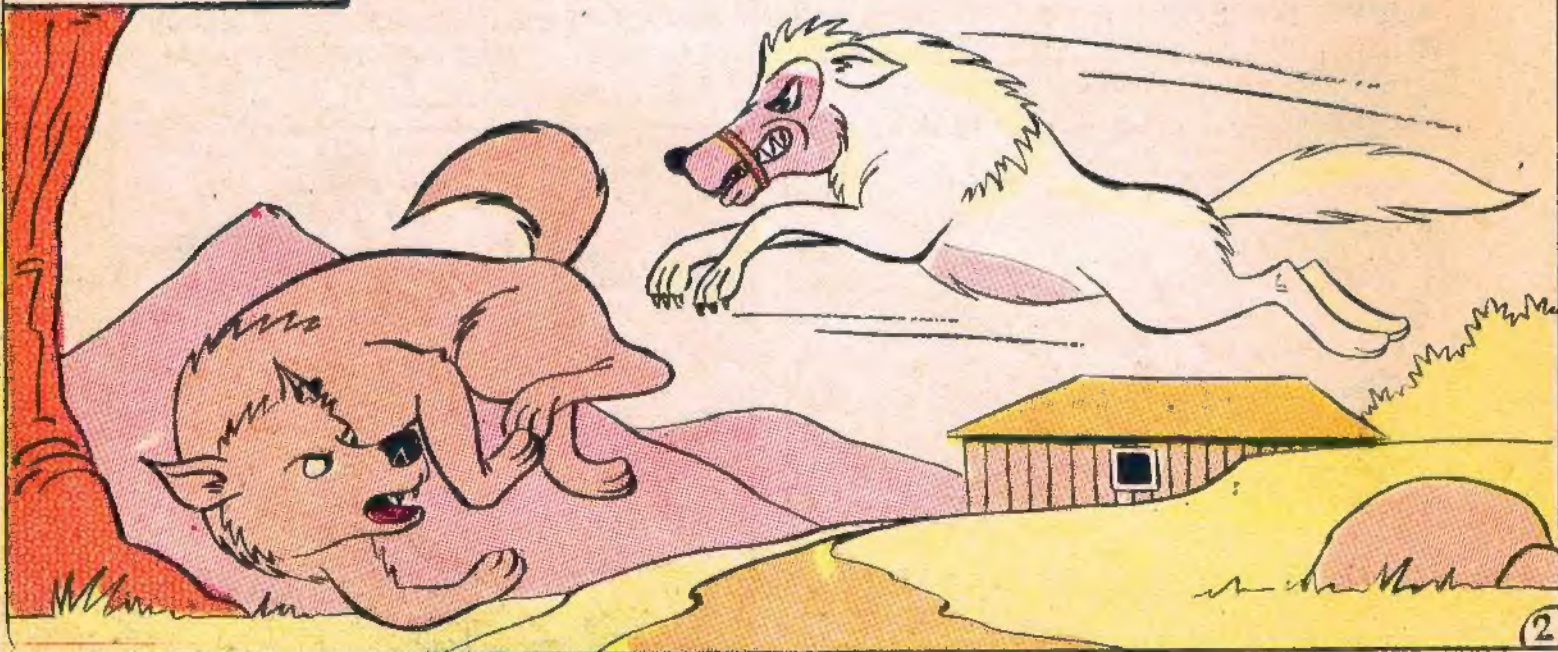
WHEN DRIVEN BY HUNGER, THE BIG WOLVES WILL ATTACK MAN....IN THE FAR NORTH, ESKIMOS KNOW THAT IN YEARS OF FAMINE, THE WOLVES WILL COME RIGHT TO THE DOORS OF THE IGLOOS!



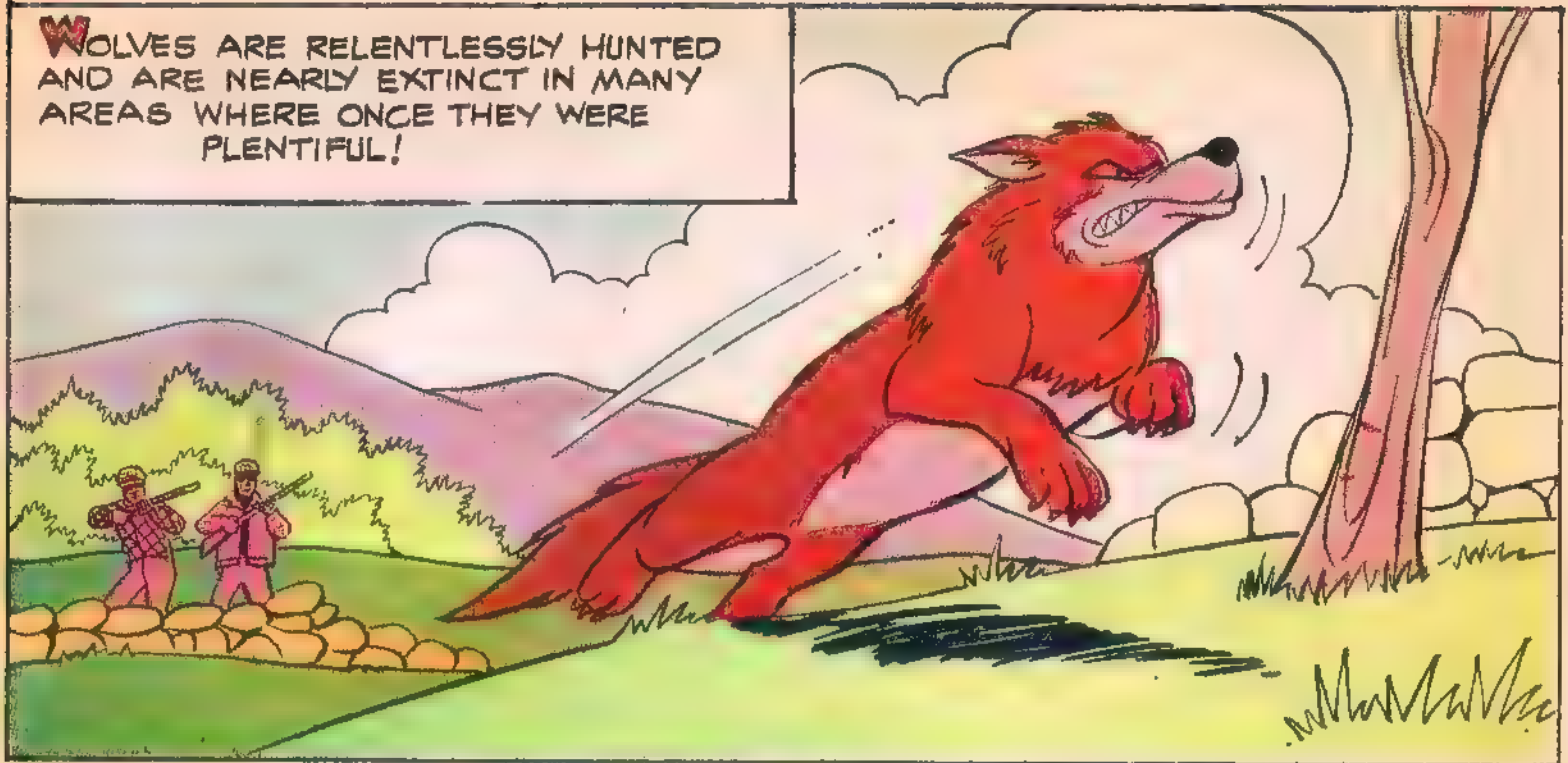
WOLVES HAVE BEEN DOMESTICATED BY MAN....SOMETIMES WOLF PUPS ARE FOUND AND RAISED TO BE SLED DOGS! THEY ARE TREMENDOUSLY STRONG AND HAVE ENORMOUS ENDURANCE!



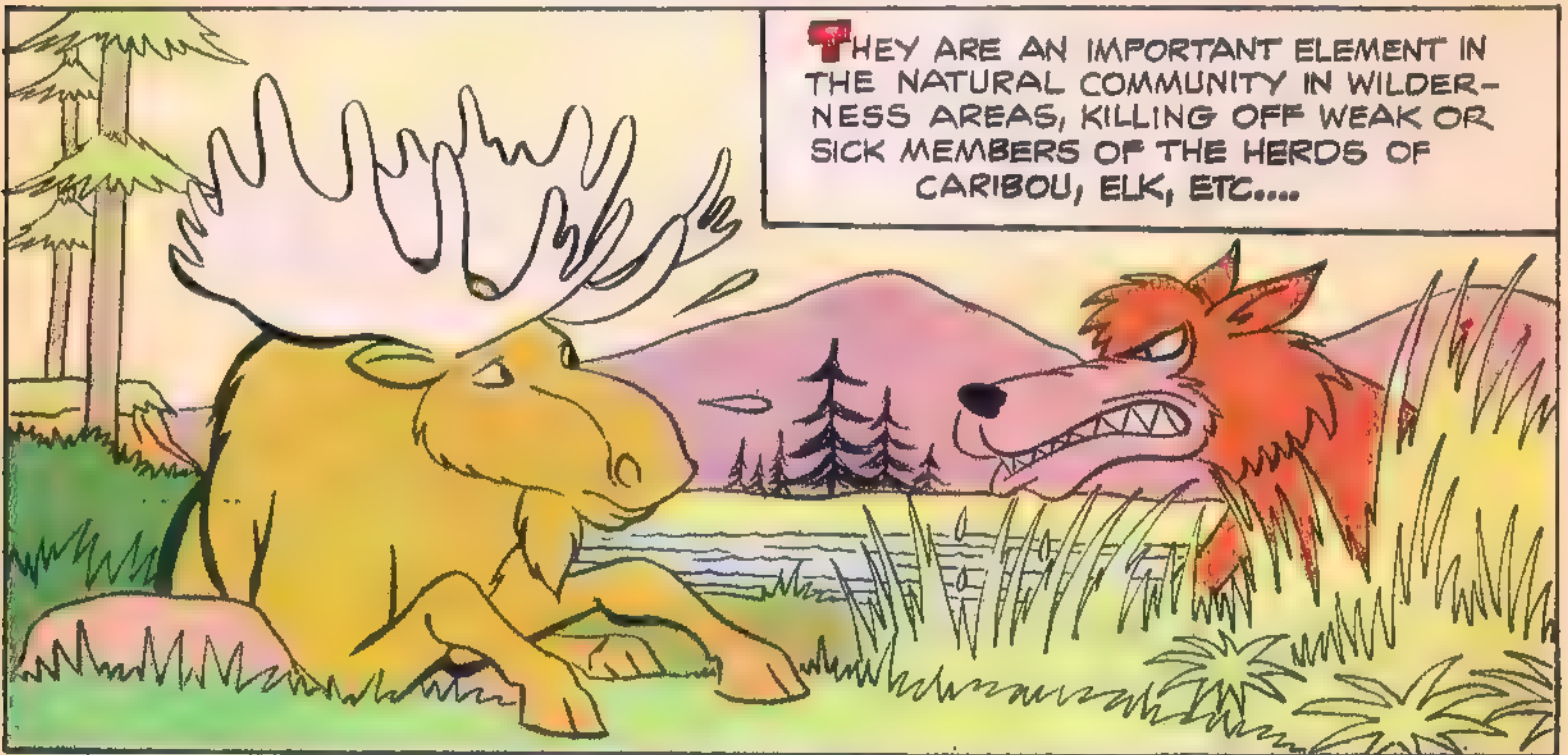
THESE WOLVES WHEN BRED WITH THE ALASKAN HUSKY PRODUCE THE FINEST DOGS OF ALL!



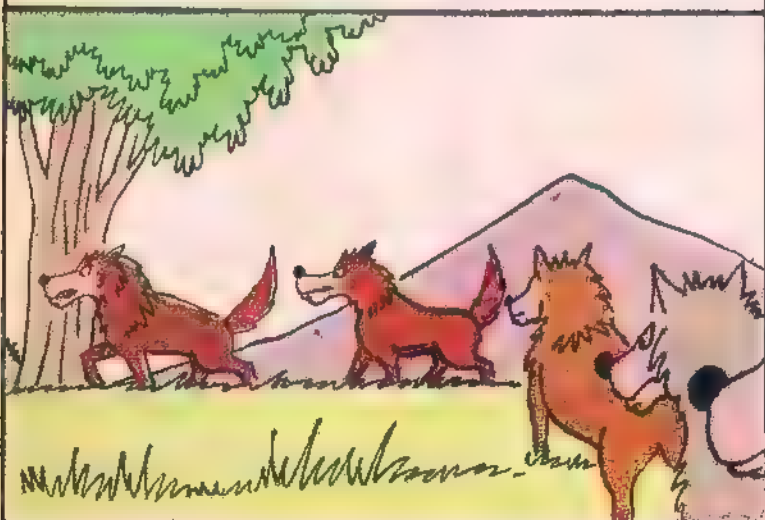
WOLVES ARE RELENTLESSLY HUNTED AND ARE NEARLY EXTINCT IN MANY AREAS WHERE ONCE THEY WERE PLENTIFUL!



THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE NATURAL COMMUNITY IN WILDERNESS AREAS, KILLING OFF WEAK OR SICK MEMBERS OF THE HERDS OF CARIBOU, ELK, ETC....



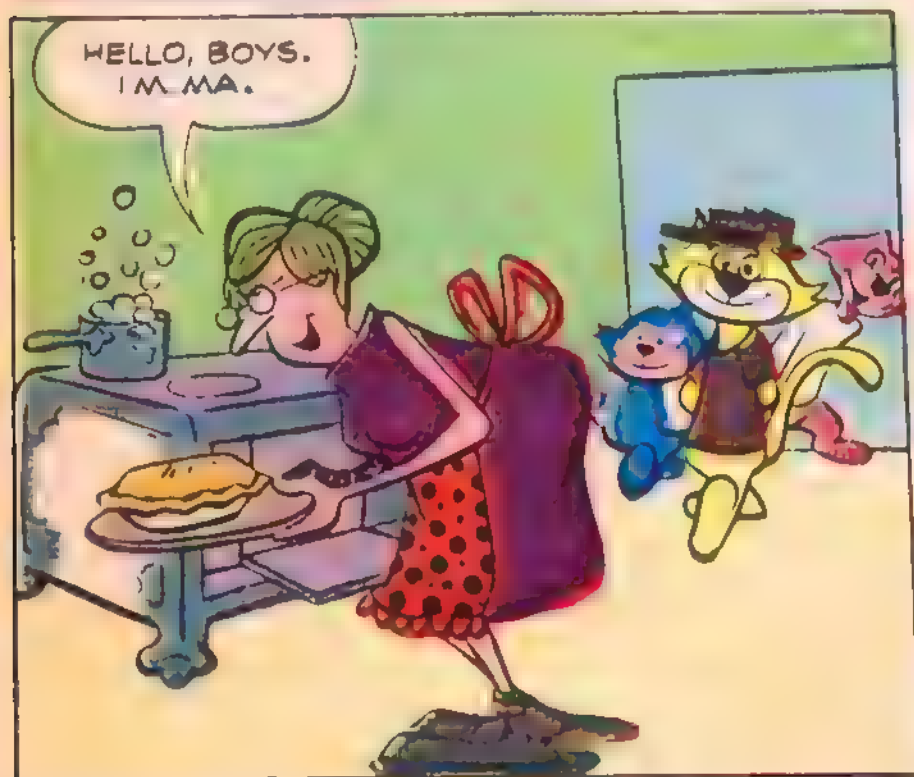
WOLVES OFTEN MATE FOR LIFE AND GRIEVE DEEPLY AT THE LOSS OF A MATE! PUPS ARE TENDED AND TRAINED BY BOTH PARENTS AND WHEN MATURE OFTEN STAY WITH THE PARENTS, FORMING A WOLF PACK....

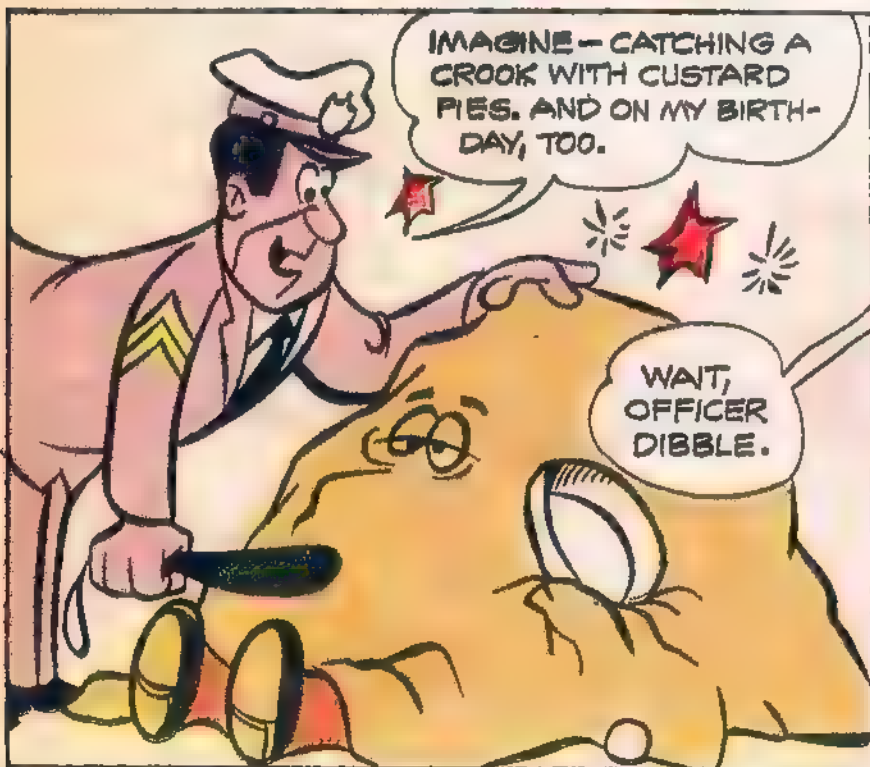
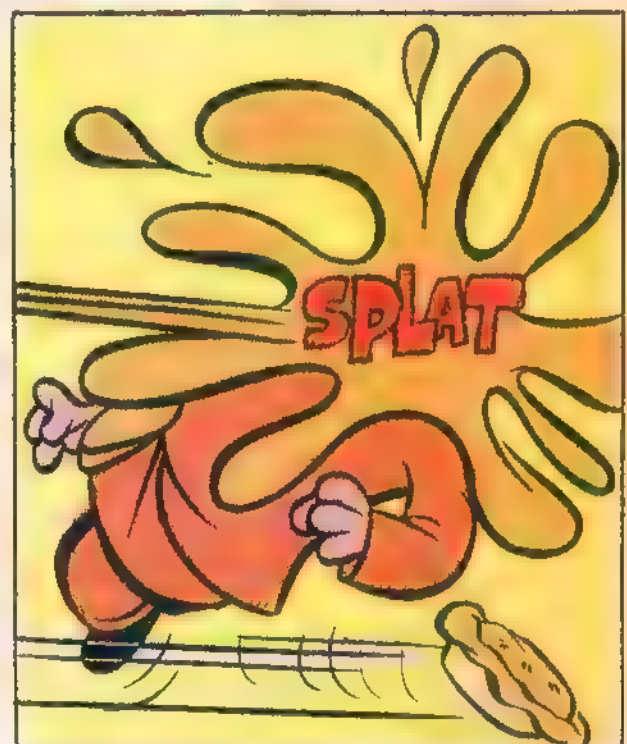


THEY ARE DIMINISHING IN NUMBERS NOW....AND THE PLAINITIVE HOWL, A CHILLING SOUND TO A HUNTER OR TRAPPER, IS HEARD LESS AND LESS IN THE WILDERNESS!



MA'S LITTLE HELPERS

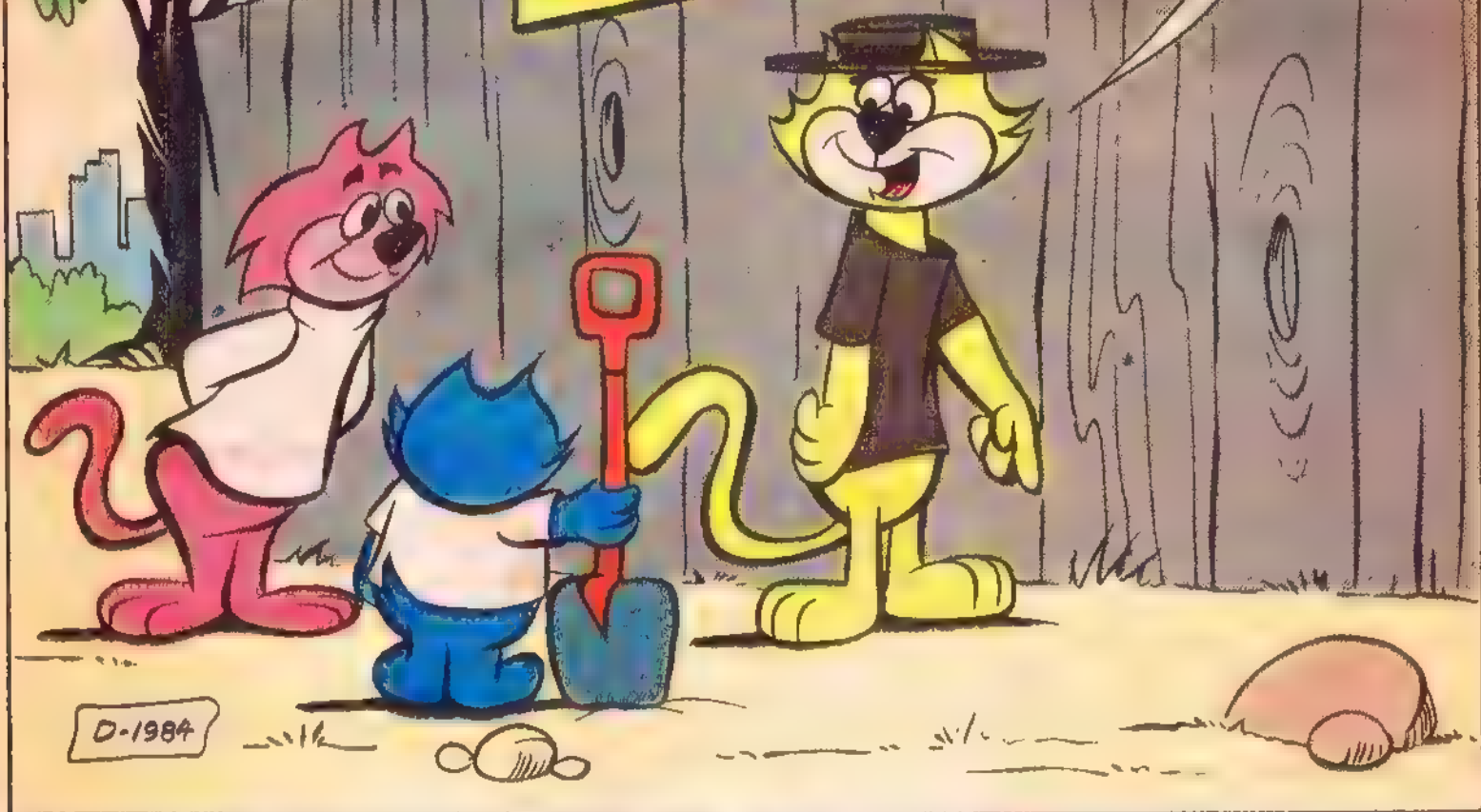


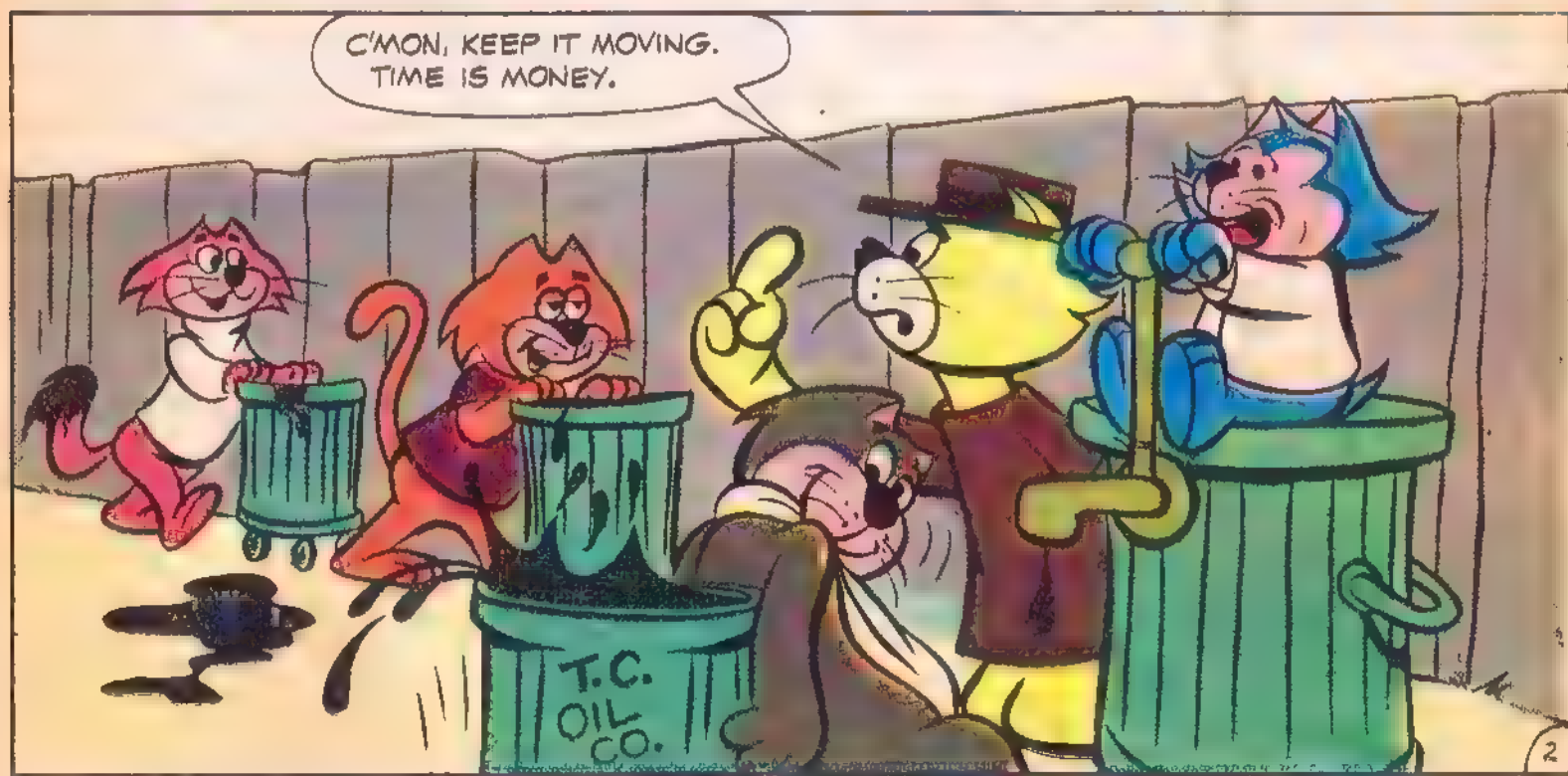
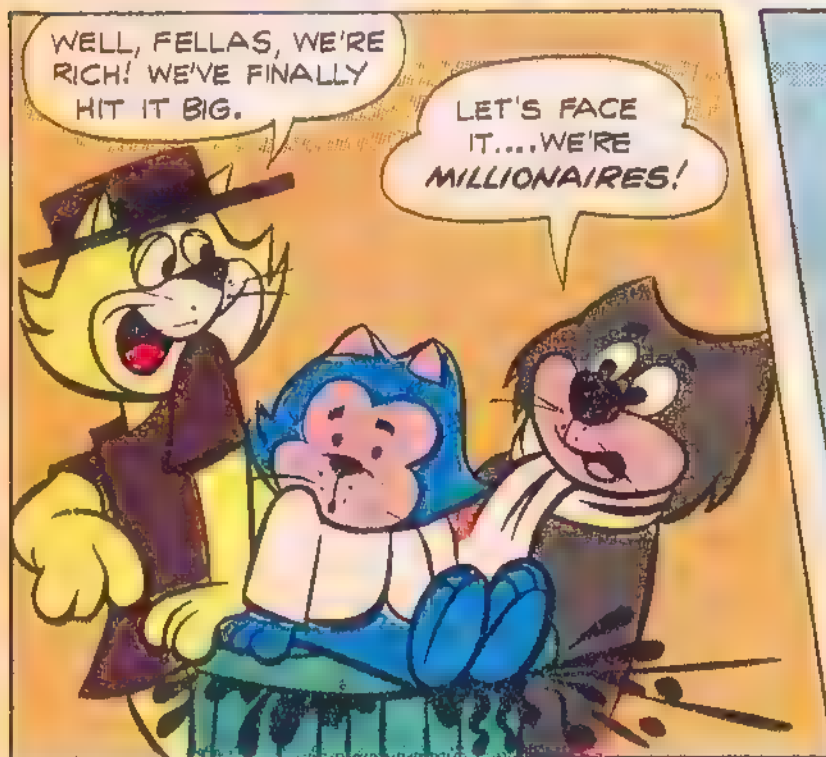
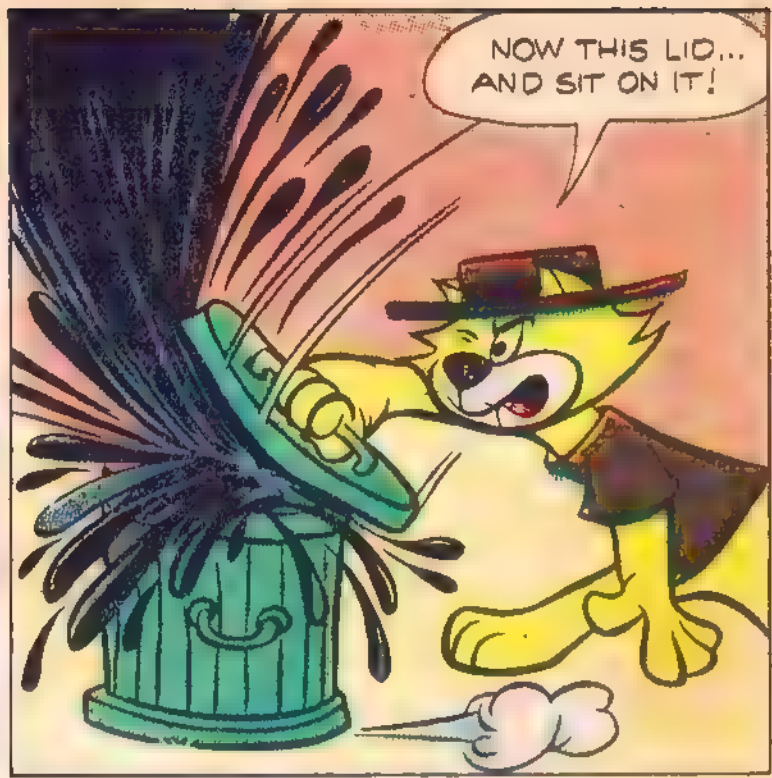
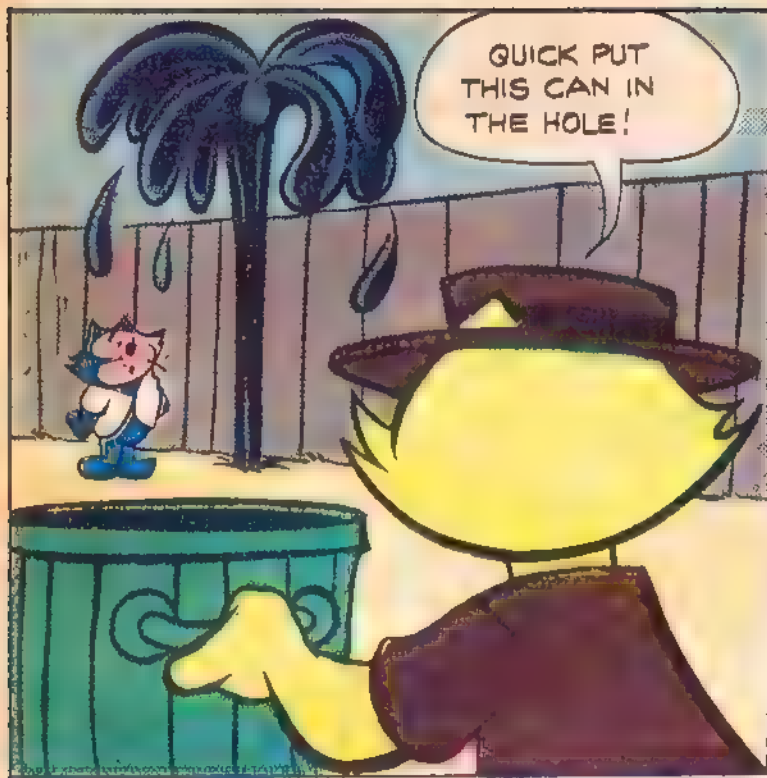


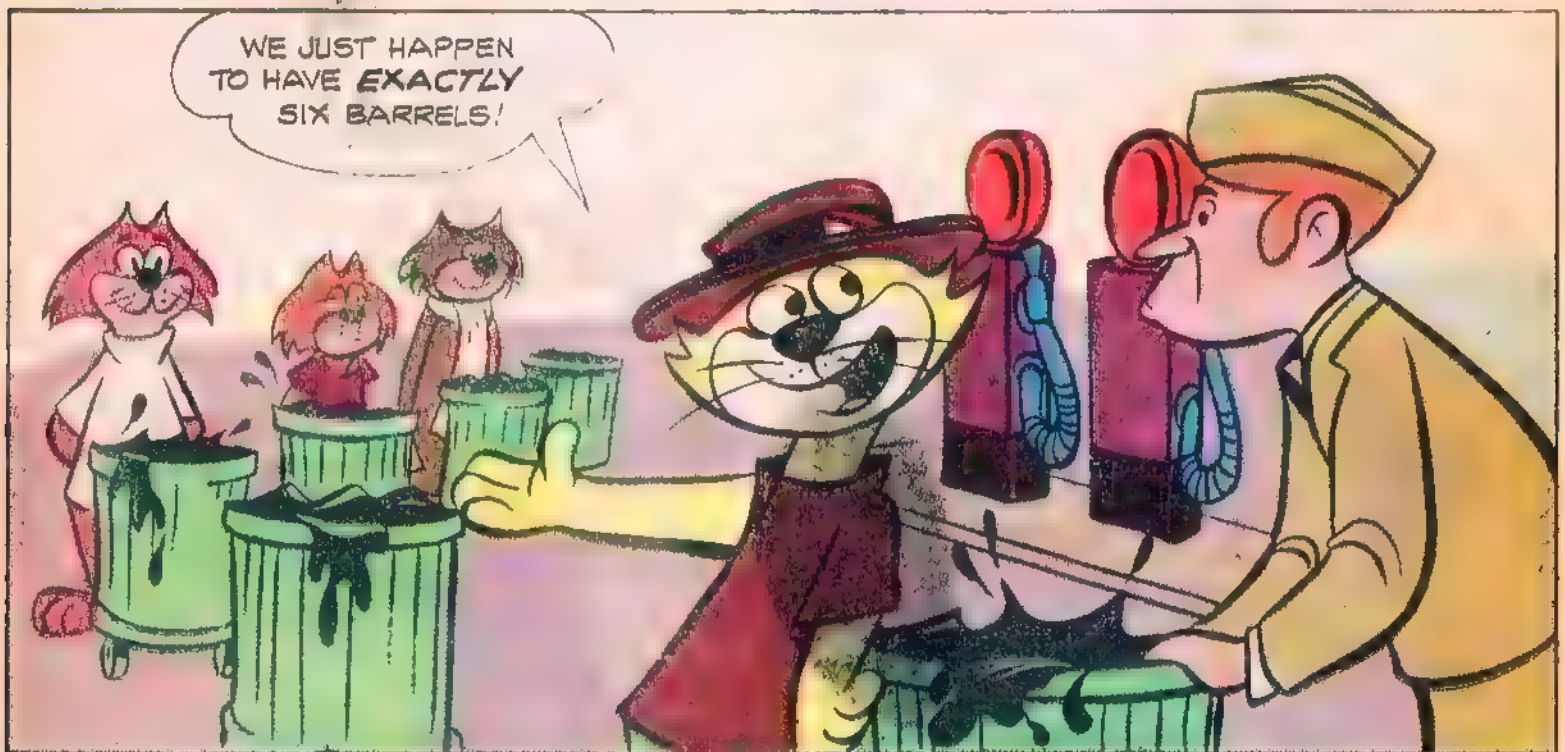
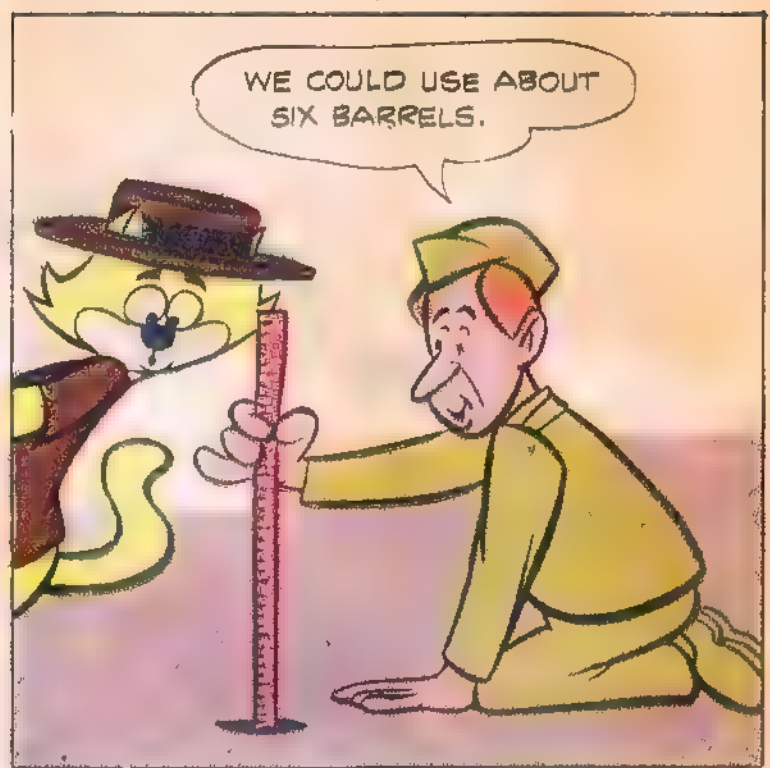
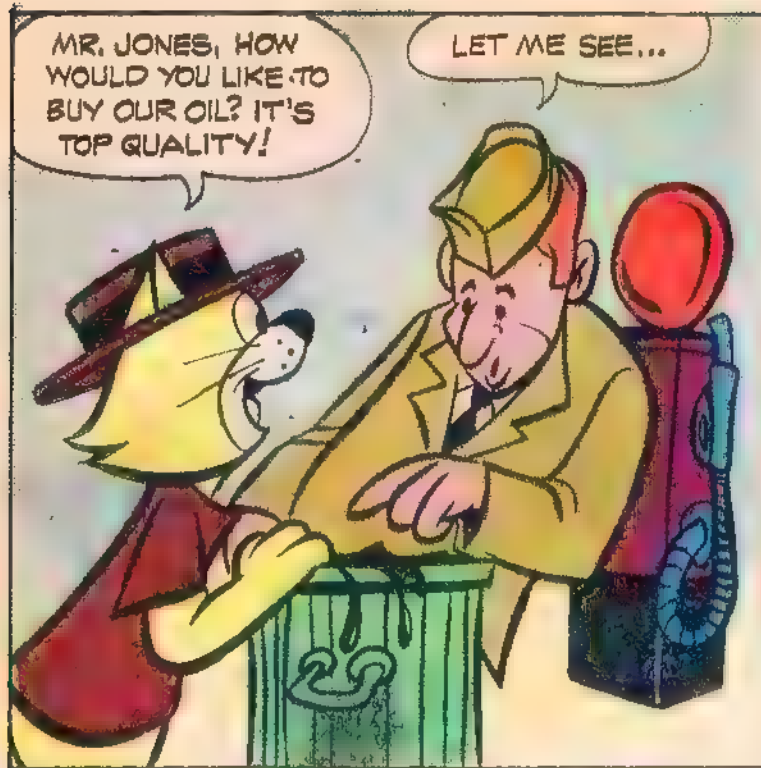
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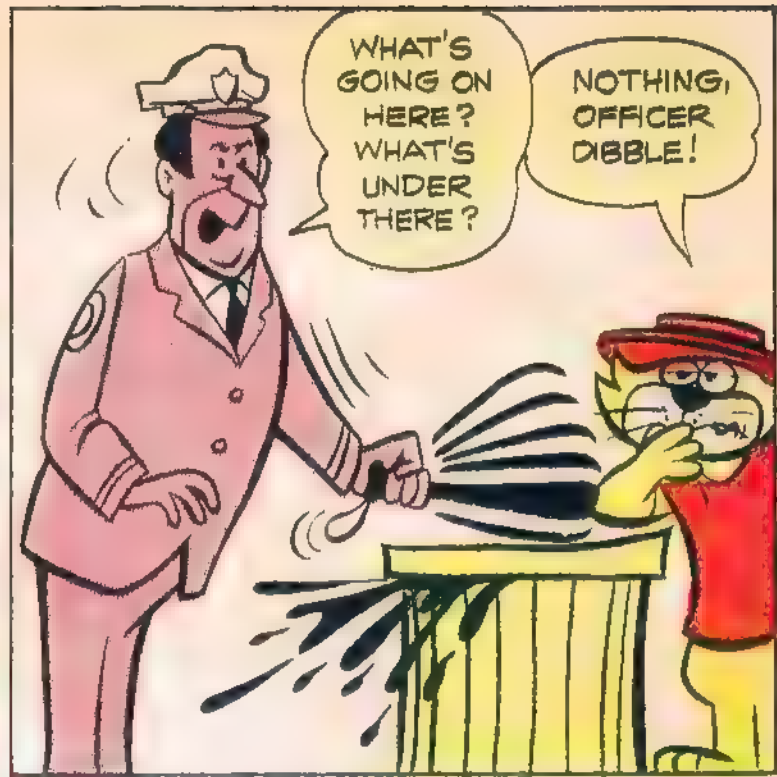
BALL GAME
TODAY

IF WE
TUNNEL UNDER
THE FENCE WE
CAN SEE THE
GAME. NOW
DIG!









Meditations, Reflections, Projections

For more than thirty years I have been taught between the teacher's desk and the blackboard. I have taught these little things in the grade schools. And I have even been in a kindergarten class. Life is never dull even though in these days of Pollution Perils, you have been breathing in a lot of chalk dust. I have a lot of faith in the ability of our kids to handle any big situation. They may stumble on the little things, but fear not, when the time comes, they will show you how to take care of matters that baffled wise adults.

Suppose we were invaded by spaceship from Mars? And they had just landed outside of our great city. And over radio and TV we were told to remain cool. We had no choice but to surrender. I know just what our kids would do. They would immediately rush right out of the house.

"Come back here, John," shouts a terrified mother. "These monsters may eat you."

"Come back here, Lucy," screams a shivering father. "They may take you back to Mars."

But to no avail! Even the police cars fail to block the egress of these kids to the landing fields. And they know just what they are going to do. The little girls rush up to the Martian. In one hand a pen. In the other hand a sheet of paper or a little book.

"Your autograph, please! Sign here," below that other name. Look, I was here ahead of her! Quit you showing Marie. Thank for signing."

I think we can very easily conclude that after signing these tens of thousands of sheets of paper, the average Martian is in no fighting mood. Tired and puzzled. Either return back home to talk peace with these Earthlings. But they can't return home. Why? We still have those little boys.

They rush up to the space ship. They know just what they are going to do. Get some part of it to bring home as a souvenir.

"I saw his valve first, Mike. You take the one over there."

I don't know what it is. But it will look good in my bedroom.

"Is that a space gun, Mr. Martian? I'll trade you five baseball pictures for it."

Within two hours the entire Martian space fleet has been decimated. They are finished.

"I told you we should have attacked the Venusians," wails a Junior Martian space officer. "If our children ever meet these earthling kids and learn from them, we are finished."

And so the most warlike creatures in the universe have been defeated. And turned into the meek people. I am proud that my kids from 422 helped save the day for the country! But knowing parents I do not think that they will be properly awarded when they return home.

"I told you not to go there," wails John's mother. "What is that thing you are trying to bring back here? I don't care where you got it. Oh, who gave it to you. You're not going to clutter up the house with more of your junk."

Another autograph, snap, Lucy's father. You pasted all the others on the walls in your room. This is the limit. I have a good mind to tear it up right now.

When children disobey parents they must be punished. Of course if a parent ever takes a good interval of time for the parent to figure out what to do. And at the end of a paper, John got the verdict.

You will not go with us on the picnic this Sunday. That will teach you a good lesson.

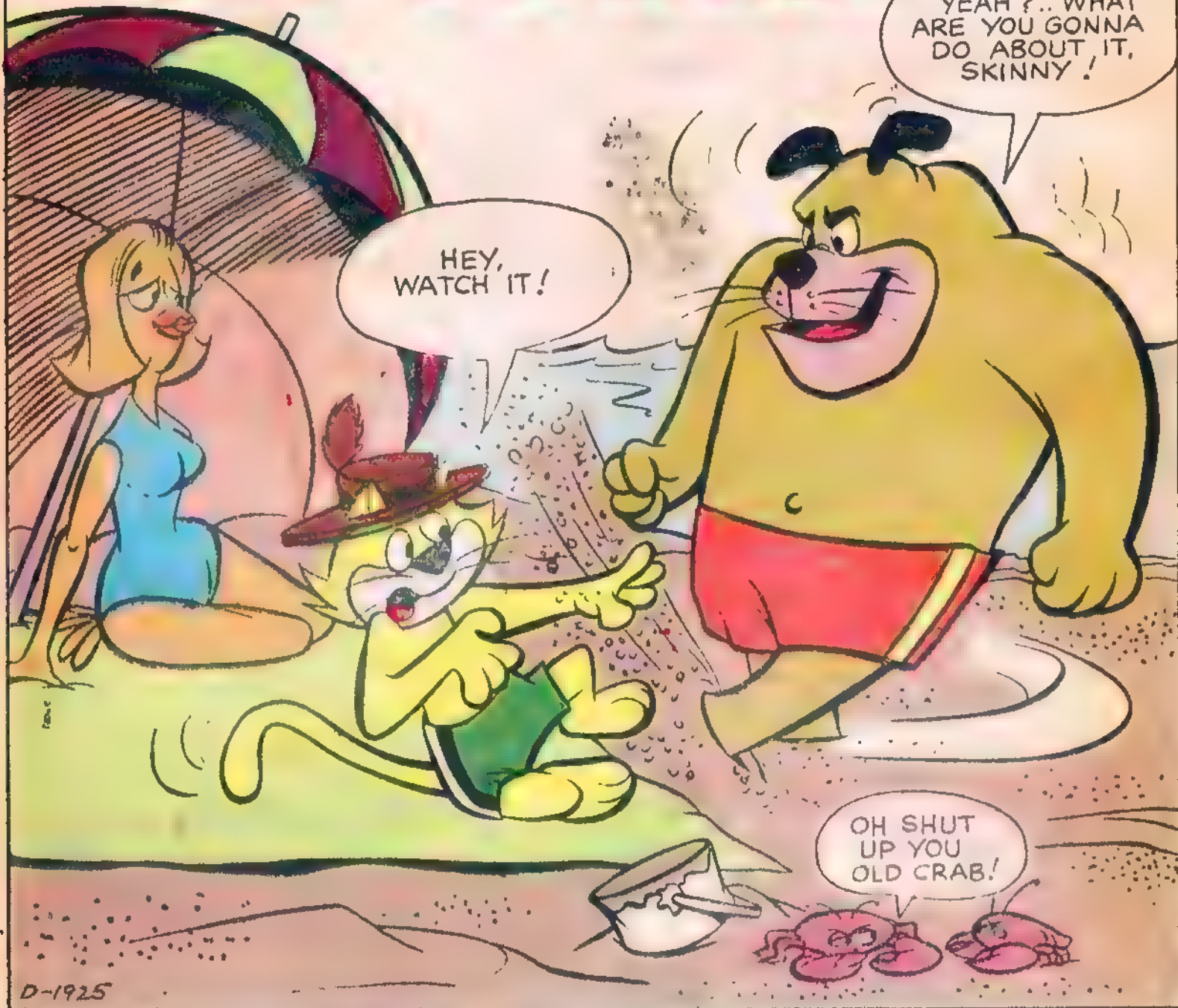
As for Lucy, she has heard the sentence of judgment passed on her.

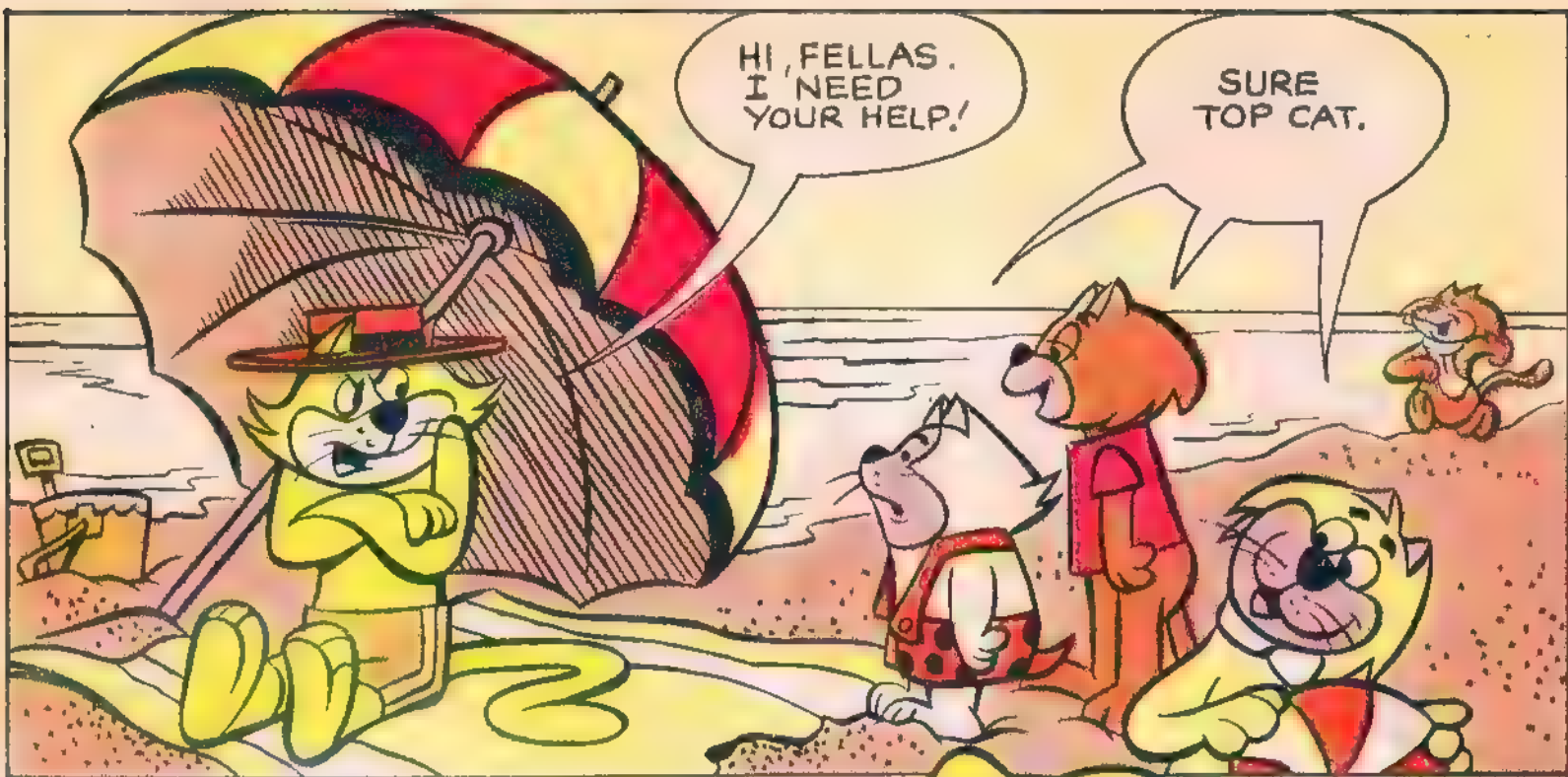
I'm going to punish you. But good. I won't get that new dress you saw in Kramers Bargain Basement.

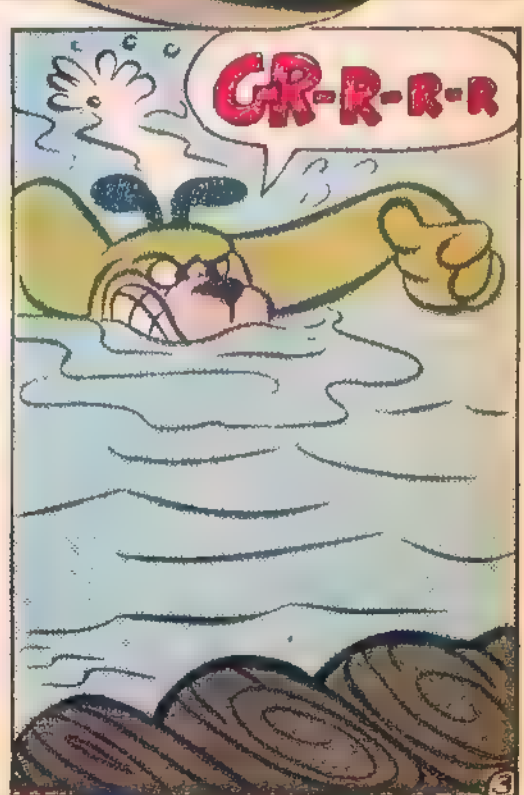
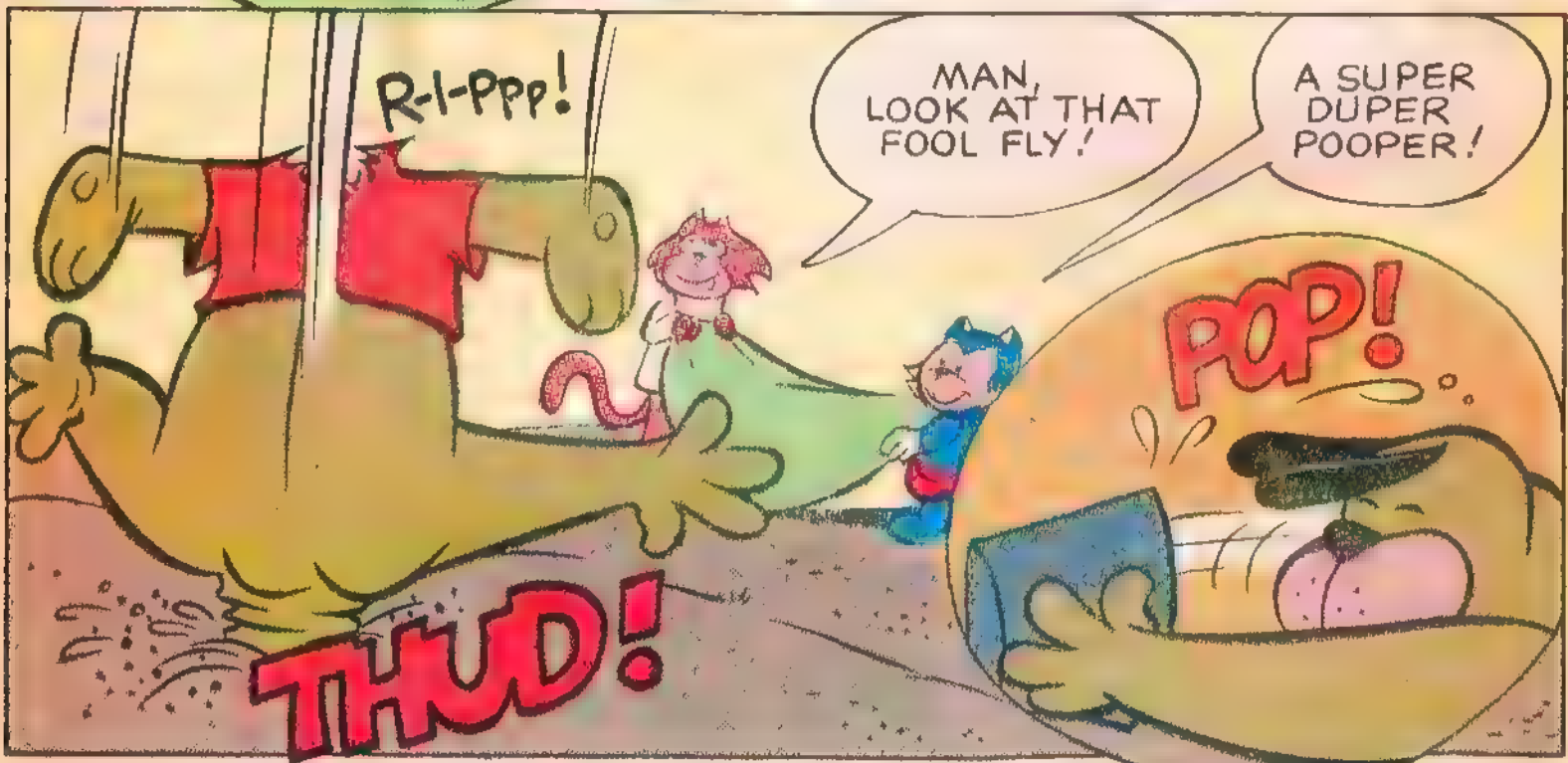
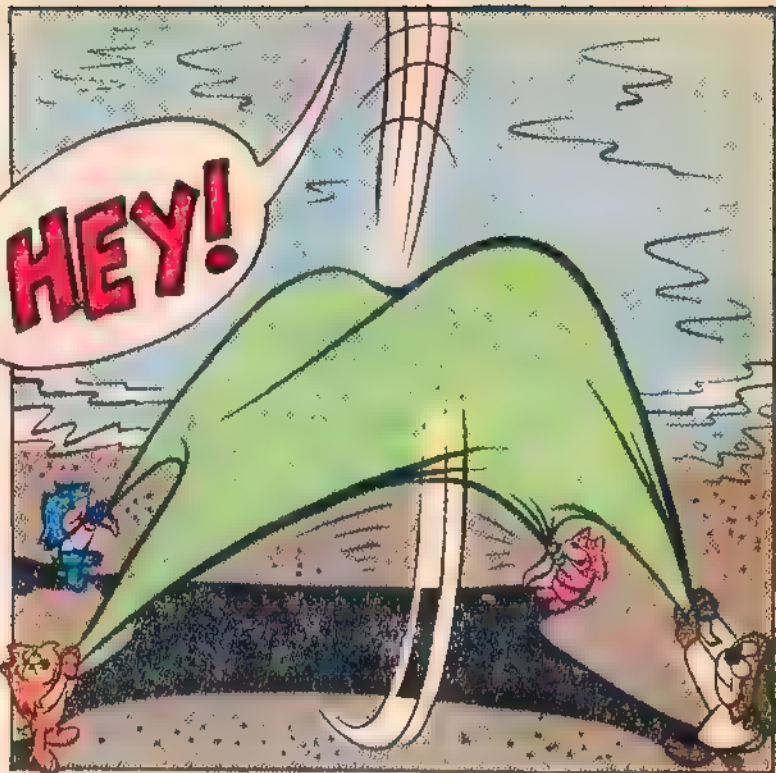
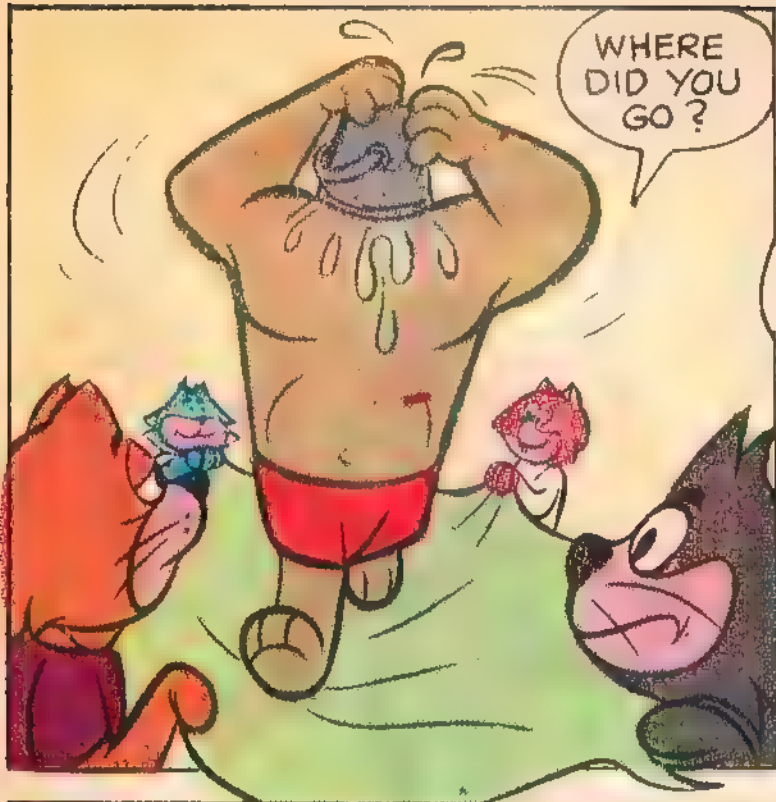
But there is an ultimate justice that we teach kids. The good get rewarded. The bad get what's coming to them. These kids did save the country. So both sets of parents get the message.

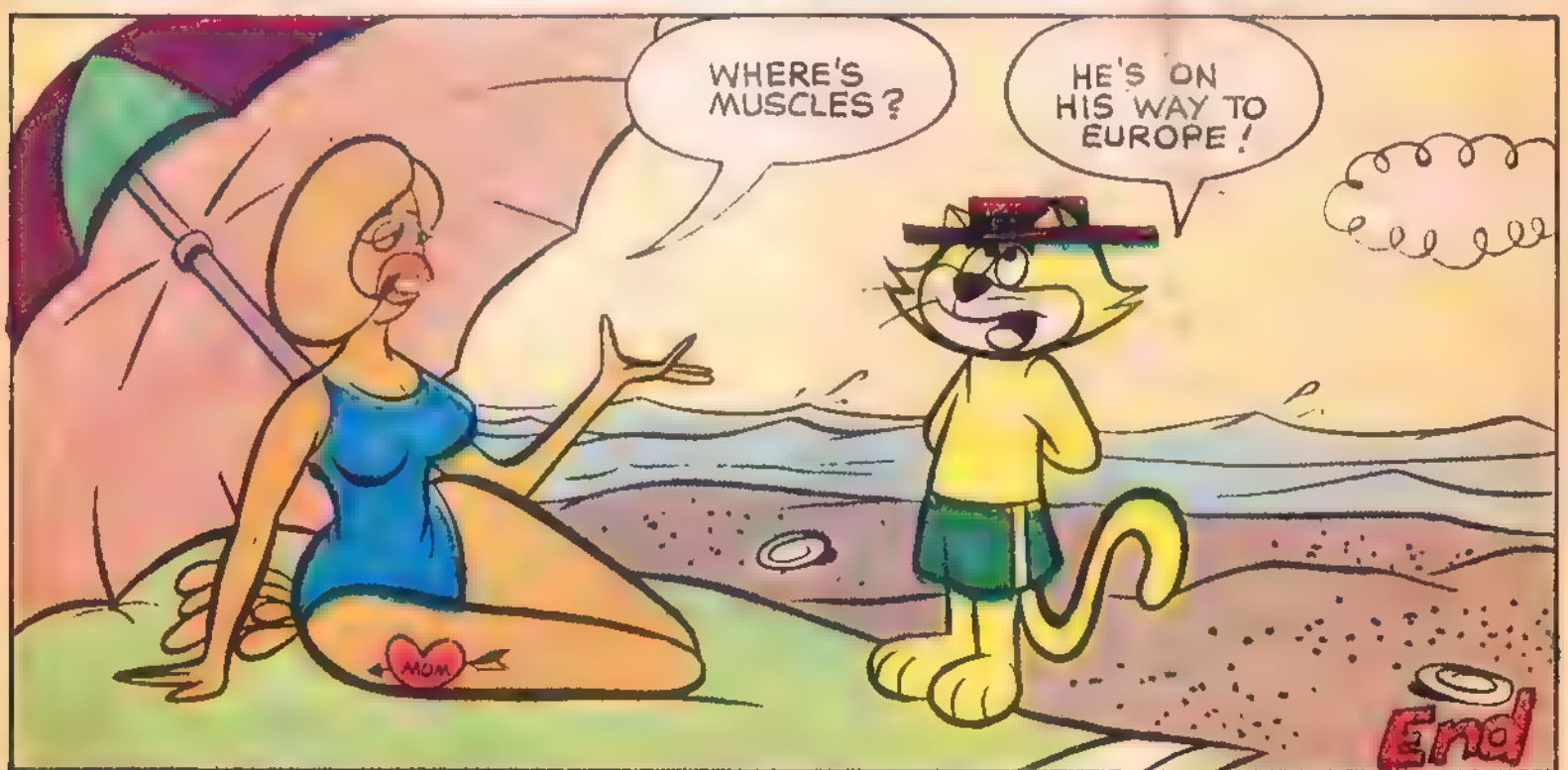
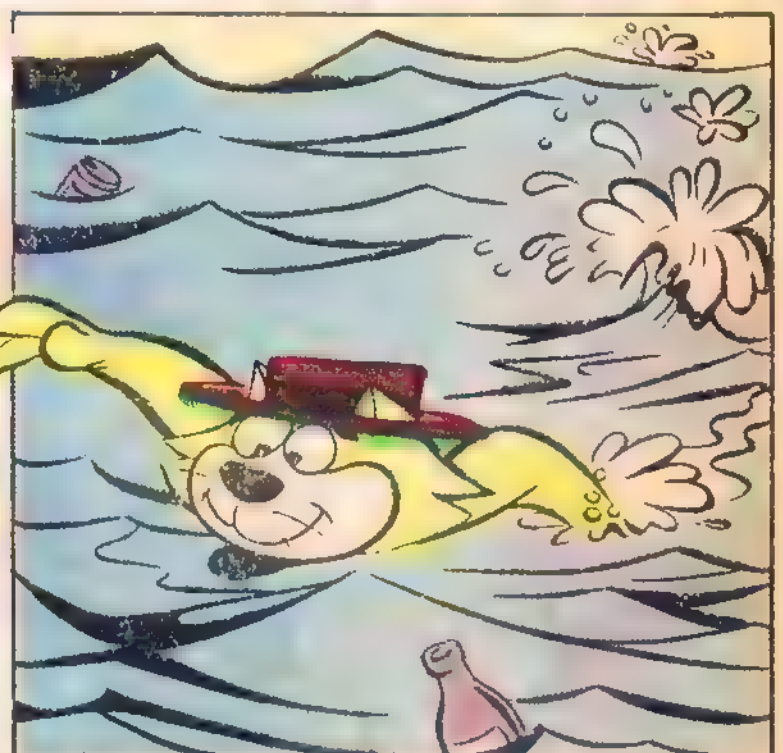
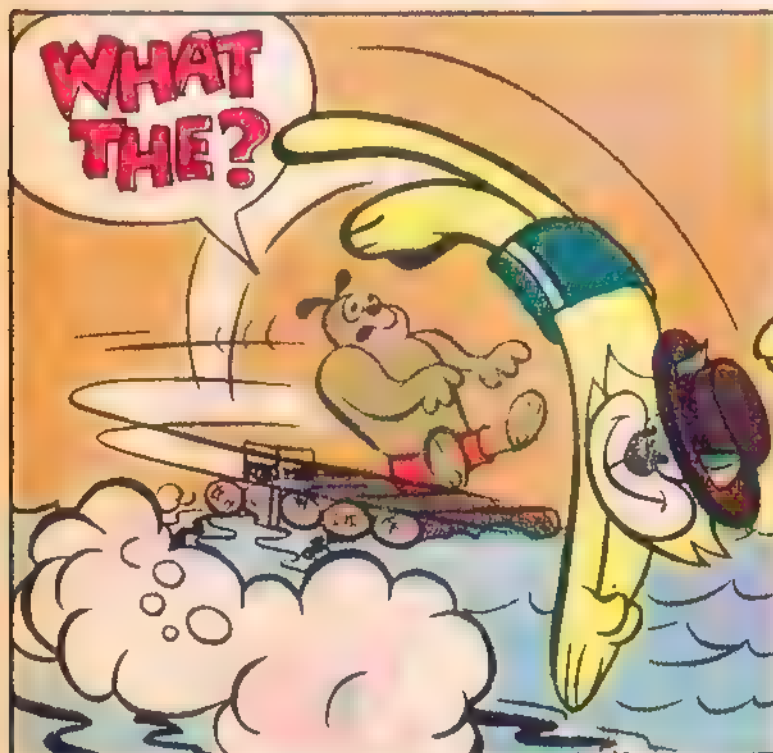
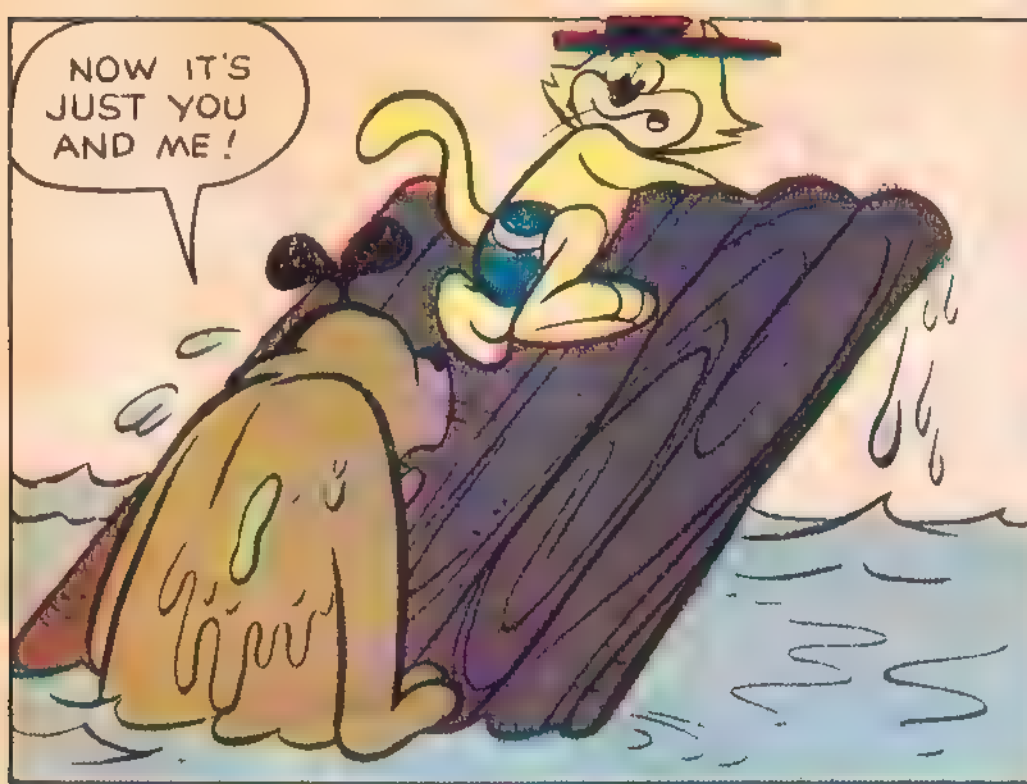
This is the White House Calling. We want you and your wonderful child to be here at a reception to be given to the Martian Ambassador.

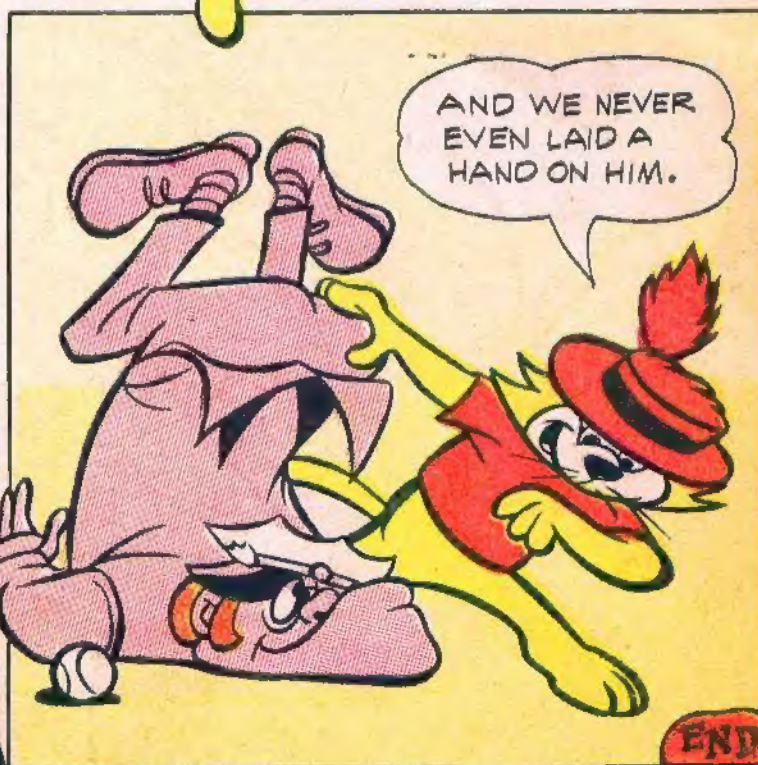
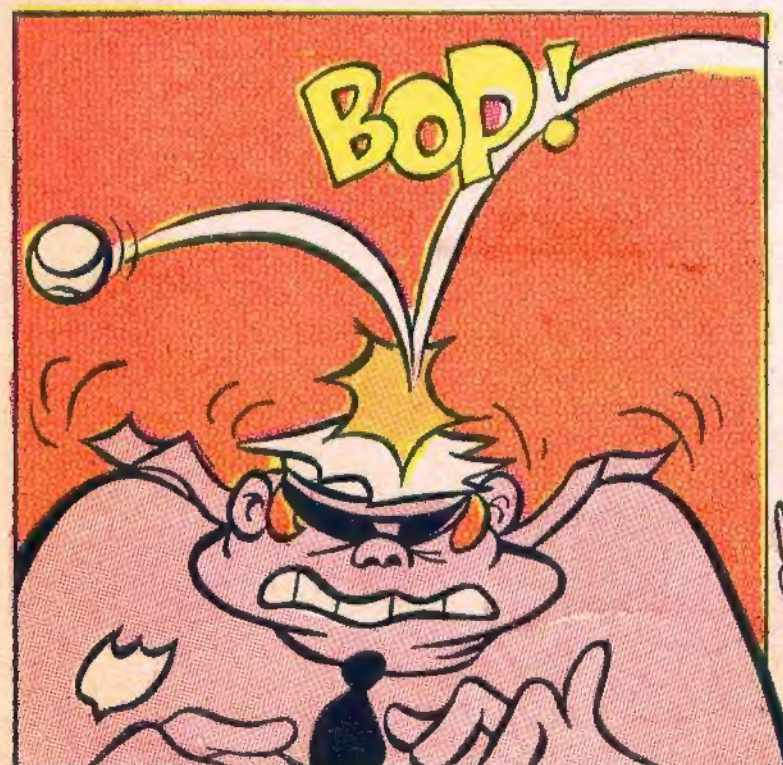
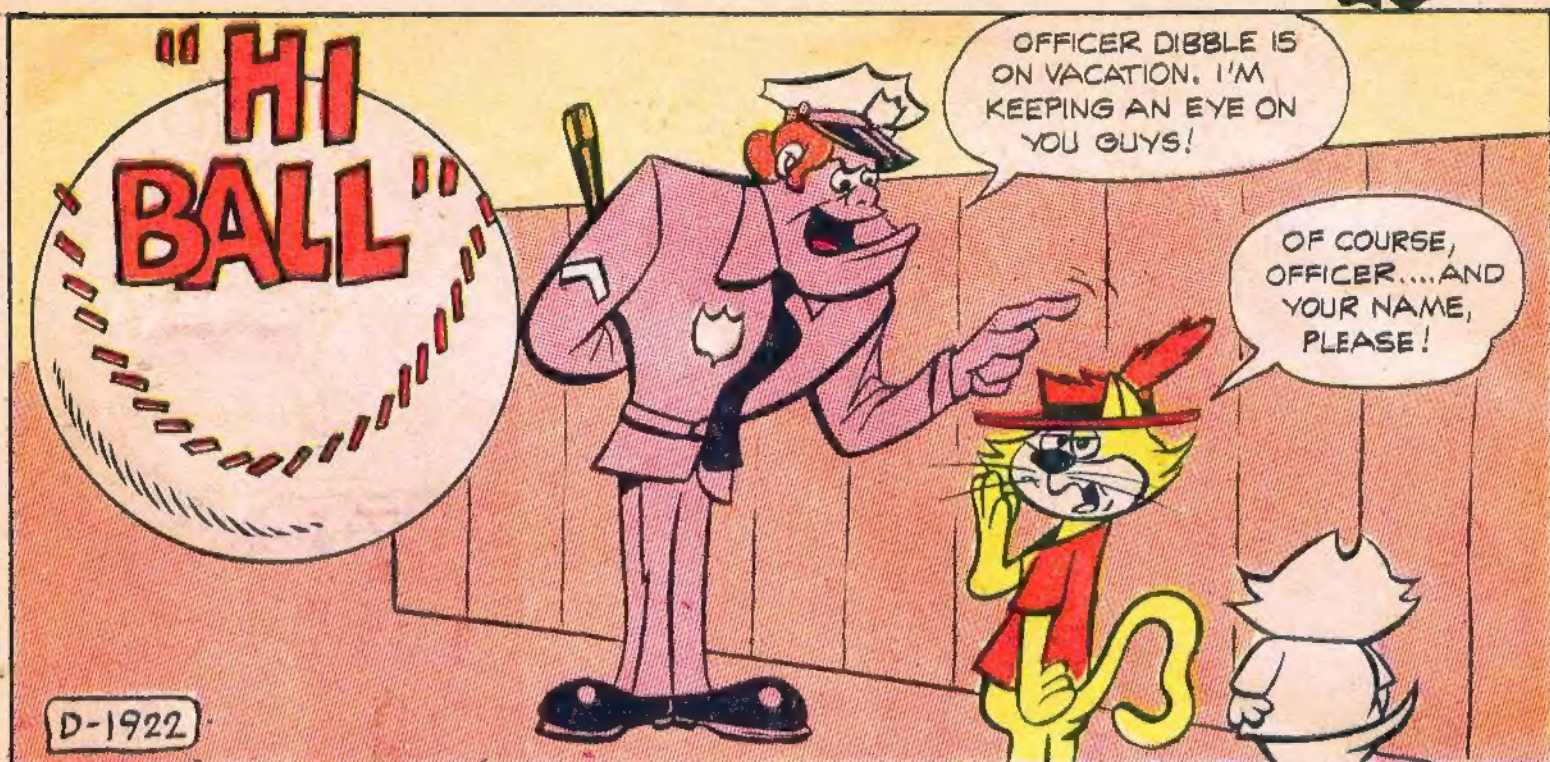
BON VOYAGE











King KONG

MR. GRIMALDI'S SICK IN BED. I'M TAKING OVER FOR HIM TODAY, BUT I HAVEN'T MADE A CENT!

WHAT'S UP, TC?

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